



HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS:

- \$25 buys a new pair of shoes and socks for a child.
- \$30 pays for one GED test for an adult.
- \$50 pays for the gas for a family to get to school, work and job interviews.
- \$75 helps a family pay the electric bill.
- \$100 helps a family put dinner on the table for a week.

You can help today by sending your donation in the enclosed envelope or by donating online at :

StStephenHousing.org

Please give today!

Housing and Hope

Helping homeless families in crisis find housing and stability

SPRING 2017

A Tribute to Joan

Joan Mladineo, our former Director and long-time board president, passed away on January 25, 2017. Known for her take charge attitude and her indomitable spirit, Joan led our organization for almost 30 years. As one of the founding members, along with Deacon Marshall Denby, Joan felt called to serve the homeless families that were increasingly being seen in the community. Taking the helm in a "temporary-

turned-long term" capacity, Joan oversaw the initial lease of 8 three bedroom houses in Kent and the



purchase of the City Park 12 plex in Auburn. Over the years she steered the agency from an all

volunteer group to the current state of 5 paid employees. She was an enthusiastic advocate for the homeless families we have served and she especially delighted in meeting the children, always giving them a gift of candy or a doll when they visited. She was proud of the reputation that SSHA has among other King County social service agencies and never missed a chance to share our mission of service with everyone she knew. She will be greatly missed!

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."
-Charles Dickens



NOW
MORE THAN EVER.



May 10
#GIVEBIG

May 10 is the day to GiveBIG!

Do you know about GiveBIG? It is The Seattle Foundation's annual one day online charitable giving event. On May 10, people from all over the Puget Sound region will show

their support of area non-profits through donating on the GiveBIG website. Your support goes to help a homeless family feel hope and find stability. You can show your support for homeless families by making a donation

to St. Stephen Housing at www.givebigseattle.org/st-stephen-housing-association. As always, you can also make a donation any day of the year in the enclosed envelope or on our website at ststephenhousing.org. **Thank you!**

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“We are all bearers of blessing for others”



“Thank you for your help, your compassion and your humanity”

—Fabiola, a former resident

Your donation makes a difference. Every dollar helps a family struggling with homelessness. Together, we can help families return to housing and stability.

My name is Fabiola; I have three beautiful children. We were victims of domestic violence by the father of my children, who was my husband. He was a drug user for many years while we were married, and his addiction increased. Over time he began to have hallucinations. One day he almost killed me. He kept me locked in the bathroom for 3 days, hitting me and leaving my children alone. When I was finally let go and left the house I was able to escape with my children without taking anything for help. For us it was very difficult to get help; there was no shelter available because all were occupied, so we were left on the street. Shamefully I had to take food without paying for it because I did not have money. My children were very young

and they were hungry and I did not know where to seek help. My English was very limited and I was very scared because I feared that at any time the father of my children might find us. After a week, there was finally a place in a shelter in Chehalis. We were in that shelter for almost a year and a half. Then they called us from St. Stephen Housing saying they had a place for us. From there we began a new life. Since we arrived at St. Stephens we felt at home and were treated as family. Patti was very good to us, she became a very supportive friend of our family. Thanks to the programs and resources and donations, we had for the first time in years a happy Christmas without violence in our home. We were very happy in that

place and we had wonderful experiences as a family. Thank you so much for your help, your compassion, your humanity, your values for being friends and for having such honest people as Dawn, Ann, Patty, Charles, who were so helpful to our lives to make it better and forget the past. Thanks to all the volunteers and the donors who made our Christmas a beautiful dream, that when I had need clothes, they clothed my children. Because everyone contributed so much that now we are the people that we are and have normal lives without violence; with achievements, dreams and goals but with a lot of humanity because you were a great example that with little or a lot we are all bearers of blessing for others.—Fabiola Morgan

Day of Caring Volunteers really CARE!

Last September 23, volunteers from the **Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco—Seattle Branch** participated in the United Way’s Day of Caring by volunteering an entire day at our Auburn apartment site. Despite the rainy weather, these dedicated men and women helped clean out the storage unit at the site to make it easier for our staff to help find furniture for incoming families. A special thank you to these amazing and generous people!





2016 Hope for Housing Fundraiser Raised \$12,000!



2016's **Hope for Housing** fundraiser was a wonderful success! With the help of our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers and over 150 guests, we raised more than \$12,000 to help the families in our program get closer to their goal of

regaining stability. Guests were inspired by Gina, a former tenant, who shared her emotional story of recovery and hard work. We are so grateful to those who came and gave from their hearts. **THANK YOU!**

Save the Date: this year's event will be held on November 11, 2017.



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISER SPONSORS!

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Several anonymous donors

"No one has ever become poor by giving"
-Anne Frank

A HUGE thank you to all the individuals and businesses who supported the silent auction!

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| 5th Avenue Theatre | Elements Massage | Monica Grossman | Seattle Theatre Group Presents |
| ACT Theatre | Elliott Bay Brewhouse | Morning Dew Candles | Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Club |
| Agave Cocina & Cantina | EMP Museum | Museum of Glass | Shannon Inselkammer |
| Alderbrook Resort & Spa | Fairmont Olympic Hotel | Nancy Kennerud | Shirley Boucher |
| Allegro Performing Arts Academy | Fairwood Golf & Country Club | New Day Northwest | Shuttle Express |
| AMC Theatres | Four Generals Brewing | Nordic Heritage Museum | Spectrum Dance Theater |
| Arena Sports | Gene Juarez Salons and Spa | Norm Matheson | Stevens Pass Mountain Resort |
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| Arthur Murray Dance Studio | Grand Central Bakery | Oriental Trading Company | Sunset Alehouse |
| Bai Tong Thai Restaurant | Habit Burger Grill | Otterbox | Taco Time Northwest |
| Bakery Nouveau | Hands On Children's Museum | Pacific Coast Feather | Tacoma Rainiers |
| Bartell Drugs | Heavy Restaurant Group | Pacific Science Center | Taproot Theatre Company |
| Bellevue Arts Museum | Heidi Shaw/Wendy Shaw | Panera Bread | The Essential Baking Company |
| Big 5 | Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum | Paolo's Italian Restaurant | The Living Computer Museum |
| Bill & Lindsey Brown | iPic Entertainment | Pat & Jan Flanigan | The Museum of Flight |
| Blissfully | Ivar's/Kidd Valley | Pizza Studio | The Summit at Snoqualmie |
| Brown Bear Car Wash | Jet City Improv | Pizzeria Pulcinella | The Wild Fin |
| Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center | John Howie Restaurants | PowellsWood Garden | Theo Chocolates |
| Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture | John Rawley | Renton Civic Theater | TJ Maxx/Marshalls |
| Caruh Spa | Julie Corneliuson | Reva & Hugh Lackie | Torero's |
| Cheesecake Factory | Kent East Hill Nursery | Rick Steves Europe | Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria |
| Cheryl Rolfson | Kent Valley Ice Centre | Riverbend Golf Complex | U.S. Nails |
| Children's Museum of Tacoma | Keurig Green Mountain | Saviah Cellars | University of Washington Athletic Department |
| Chipotle | KidsQuest Children's Museum | Seafair | Vertical World |
| City of Renton Police Dept. | Legendary Doughnuts | Seattle Architecture Foundation | Vicki Kennerud |
| Conifer Specialties Inc | LeMay - America's Car Museum | Seattle Art Museum | Village Theater |
| Corks and Canvas Events | Linda Fix | Seattle Children's Museum | Washington State Historical Society |
| Dawn Smith | Lori and Ernie Ibane | Seattle Children's Theater | Western Digital Foundation |
| Debbie Senn | Macrina Bakery | Seattle Improv Classes | Wild Waves |
| Debbie Zito | Mama Stortini's | Seattle Mariners | Wild Wheat Bakery |
| Dennis & Marie Marek | McLendon Hardware | Seattle Reign FC | Wing Luke Museum |
| Disneyland | McMenamins Pub and Breweries | Seattle Seahawks | Wolfhaven International |
| Donald & Millie Kennerud | Melrose Grill | Seattle Shakespeare Company | Woodland Park Zoo |
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Thank you!

DONATIONS

We accept many donated items, including sheets, towels, blankets, dishes, pots and pans, cleaning supplies, beds, dressers, and other basic household items. We are always in need of food and gas cards for our families.

VOLUNTEERING

We are always looking for good people to join us! Some of our current needs include:

- Furniture movers
- House cleaners and painters
- Fundraiser helpers
- Website and social media assistance

Want to get involved? There are lots of ways!



Call our office at 253-638-9798 to find out more!

FINANCIAL

Enclosed is an envelope to use for a check or credit card donation. You may also donate through:

- Payroll deduction at your place of employment: some employers even match your gift!
- Donate online: find options to give through our website at Ststephenhousing.org under "Ways to Help".
- Fred Meyer rewards: enroll online at fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and link your rewards card to St. Stephen Housing Association. Our account number 83120. Help families while you shop!