



## HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS

- \$25 buys a welcome bag of cleaning supplies and toiletries for a new family.
- \$50 pays for gas for a family to get to school, work and job interviews.
- \$75 helps a family stock the kitchen with fresh food.
- \$100 helps a family pay for a rental truck when they move into permanent housing!
- \$150 helps clean and prepare a unit for a new family to move into.

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

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**Please give today!**

# Housing and Hope

## Helping homeless families in crisis find housing and stability

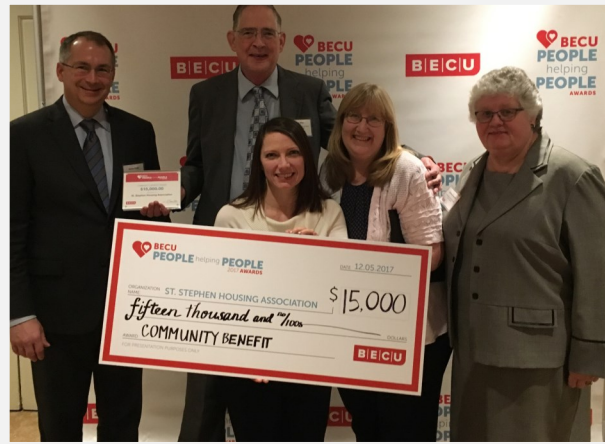
FALL 2018

## BECU Awards SSHA with \$15,000 “People Helping People” Grant

St. Stephen Housing Association was thrilled to be honored as one of Boeing Employee Credit Union’s People Helping People award recipients! We were nominated by long time volunteer and BECU member, Vicki Kennerud, and chosen to receive a \$15,000 grant to support our mission to help families find

stability after homelessness. This grant allowed us to

replace the aging roofs on our housing units in Auburn. Thank you to all who voted for us during the contest for an even larger prize. Though we didn’t win the big one, this award has allowed us to continue our work and will enable us to help even more families return to permanent housing!



## Sharing our Story in the Community

We’ve had such fun this summer meeting people and sharing our program with the friendly residents of cities around South King County. Spearheading this effort is Eastern Washington University student, Brittany Ellett and her husband Brandon, who have enjoyed communicating our mission to a broader audience. They have given many of their Saturdays at farmer’s markets and other summer festivals to help share our story and educate others about the struggles facing homeless families.

*Brittany and Housing Case Manager Patti Bergrud at the Maple Valley Farmers’ Market.*



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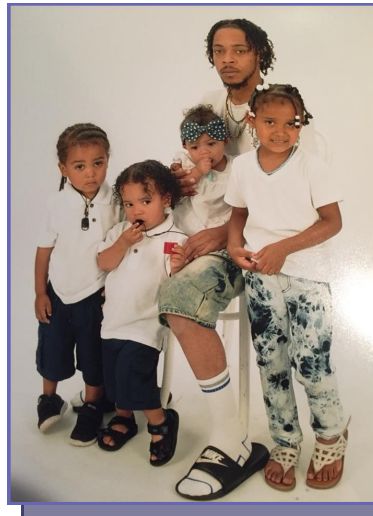
## “A Better Place in Life”

Thank you to all our faithful supporters, especially those who gave during the 2018 GiveBig campaign! Over \$2800 was raised! Thanks also to the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation for their generous grant of \$2000!

Your gifts enable us to provide housing and support services to over 150 individuals per year—over 30 families! Families in our program have come from a shelter, their car, or the street. We work with each family to find a path to stability. Thank you for being a part of our work!

My name is DaMarius Hawthorne. I'm 22 years old, and I'm a single father of four. During my senior year in high school, my parents moved out of state, but I chose to stay due to the birth of my daughter. It was rocky at first. I didn't have a place to stay, and was couch surfing between family members' homes with my infant daughter. The relationship with my daughter's mother was not healthy, and we broke up. Not long after, I got into another relationship and had my second child, a son. Things were going well until the mother of my daughter took her away suddenly. This caused me to spiral into a deep depression. By then my 3<sup>rd</sup> child was on his way, but the relationship was struggling, and we broke up. My son and I became homeless and I had no other option but to move with my parents out of state with my son. Eventually, I was able to move back to Washington and finish high school successfully, every day taking my 2 month old son, who I now had custody of, to school with me. So that was it-- just the 3 of us - me and my two little sons, but I still felt something was

missing-- my daughter. I decide to file for custody, even though I had very little money and was working for minimum wage. During that time I rekindled the relationship



**DaMarius and his children this summer**

with the mother of my sons which resulted in my 4th child. Things were going well again-- I was making progress in getting my daughter back, I had a job and I was working hard. When our new daughter was born, we ended up losing our housing because we had too many people in our one bedroom apartment. Even though I was awarded sole custody of my older daughter, we were knocked two steps back and become

homeless again. So where do I turn? Four children, nowhere to go and I ended up losing my job. I was able to move in with my sister, but it was very crowded with her family and all my little ones under 5. We started sleeping in my truck. I was literally hoping for a miracle every day and considered turning to Child Protective Services for housing availability. When I got a call from St. Stephen Housing Association, it was one of the best phone calls of our lives! During the time I've been in the program I've enrolled in college and I also got the chance to go see my mom who I hadn't seen since the birth of my youngest. It was great! The kids enjoyed themselves and got all the love from my mom they've been missing from grandma. I want to thank Patti Bergrud for coming into our lives and putting me into a better place in life to make it possible to go to school and raise my kids at the same time. I've even developed better relationships with my kids' mothers. I'm planning to graduate in early January of 2019. I couldn't have done it without St. Stephen Housing Association!



## 2017 Hope for Housing Fundraiser Raises over \$15,000 for homeless families!

2017's Hope for Housing fundraiser was a great success! With the help of our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers and almost 200 guests, we raised over \$15,000 to help homeless families. Every dollar raised goes back into our program to

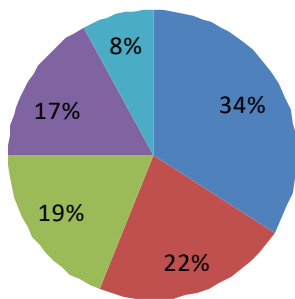
help these families achieve housing and stability. A million thanks to all who volunteered, attended, donated, and sponsored this wonderful night of giving and inspiration! We hope you join us for this year's event!

### THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 FUNDRAISER SPONSORS!

<i>Pacific Medical Centers</i>	<i>Tony Mladineo</i>
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<i>Bob and Barb Brownlow</i>	<i>Archer Construction</i>
<i>Total Wine and More</i>	<i>Paolo's Restaurant</i>
<i>St Stephen the Martyr Parish</i>	

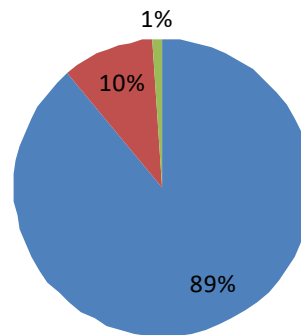
## 2017 Financial Summary

### 2017 Operating Income \$293,000



- Section 8 rent: \$99,000
- Public Grants: \$64,500
- Donations/Interest: \$54,500
- Rent/utilities: \$50,500
- Fundraising: \$24,500

### 2017 Operating Expense \$291,750



- Program: \$257,450
- Management: \$30,100
- Fundraising: \$4,200

## Snapshots of 2017!



The MLK Day of Service crew from Seattle Children's after organizing our donated housewares.



Firefighter Matt teaching us to use a fire extinguisher.



EWU student Brittany Ellett hanging out with the kids at City Park for outdoor movie night.



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## Save the Date: November 10, 2018!

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*St. Stephen Housing Association is hosting its Sixth Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser:*

### **~ Hope for Housing ~**

Mark your calendar now for this year's Fundraiser!

**Saturday, November 10, 6:00-9:30 pm**

**St. Stephen the Martyr Social Hall**

**13055 SE 192nd St Renton, WA 98058**

As always, it will be a fun-filled night of wine, appetizers, music, and the best silent auction in the state! We will also hear from a former transitional housing resident whose story is sure to inspire you! Bring your friends and join us for a joyful night raising money to help continue our mission of helping homeless families find their footing again.

You can buy your tickets now at [ssha.eventbrite.com](http://ssha.eventbrite.com).

Hope to see you there!

