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# Housing and Hope

## Helping homeless families in crisis find housing and stability

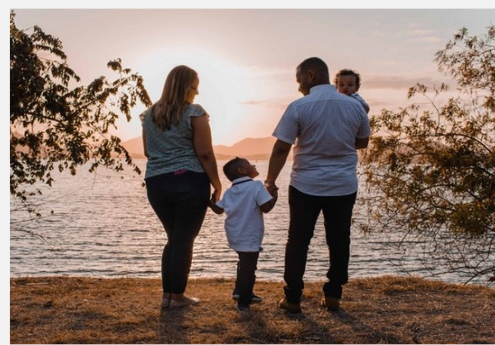
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### Family Wins the Lottery!

The housing lottery that is! With affordable permanent housing in very short supply in our region, it is a cause for celebration when one of our families is selected to receive a permanent housing voucher through a local public housing agency. Recipients of these vouchers are chosen through a lottery held only once every few years. And it couldn't have happened to a more hardworking family! Gennet and her family found themselves homeless after a job loss. Soon after, Gennet learned

she was pregnant and the situation became even more dire when it was discovered the pregnancy was high risk. After moving from couch to couch for several months, the family was referred to St. Stephen Housing Association. The family worked hard while

in our program: Gennet went back to work after having the baby and her husband finished his Bachelor's degree at UW Tacoma. With the help of their SSHA Case Manager Patti, they applied for every housing opportunity available. Their hard work was rewarded. In



February they learned they would receive a subsidized housing voucher in Pierce County. The family moved into their new home in April and is thrilled to finally have a permanent place to call home.

### May 8 is GiveBIG—please help us meet our goal!

Do you know about GiveBIG? It's our region's online charitable giving bonanza! On May 8, people from all over the area will show their support of local non-profits by donating through the GiveBIG website. Your support of SSHA goes to help a homeless family feel hope and find stability. **Help us meet our 2019 goal of raising \$3500 by making a donation** to St. Stephen Housing at [www.givebig2019.org/st-stephen-housing-association](http://www.givebig2019.org/st-stephen-housing-association). Schedule your donation as early as **April 23** so you don't miss this great day of giving!

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## Jennifer's Family



We would like to extend a special thank you to the many generous people who donate to us through payroll deduction or regular scheduled giving each year. Many of these faithful donors have been giving for years and provide a reliable income source that keeps our day to day operations running. We could not do it without your support!!

**Last year, your gifts provided housing and support services to over 139 parents and children from 34 families!**

**Thank you for being a vital part of our work!**

*Those of you who attended our 2018 Hope for Housing fundraiser were touched by Jennifer's heartfelt story of perseverance.*

After she finished her speech many in attendance approached to thank her and congratulate her on her move to permanent housing.

She and her children stayed for the entire event, enjoying the food and meeting many supporters of St. Stephen Housing Association.

As the night when on and the bidding for the silent auction was almost over, Jennifer's son Zach asked his mom to bid on a particular basket for him. He was very sad that his mom was unable to purchase it for him. With tears in his eyes, he gave his mom a hug and just then a gentleman came over and called his name. Zach turned

around and as the man bent down, he said, "This is an early Christmas gift for you Zachary." In that moment, Zach's tears of sadness turned to tears of joy. He and Jennifer both thanked the man many times. As Zach and Jennifer continued to thank the man, a woman brought a basket over to Jennifer and said, "This is for you," and handed Jennifer a huge basket filled with spa items. It was a very beautiful moment. And as for the update on this family? Jennifer's children Zoe and Zach are adjusting well to their new apartment in Seattle and are doing very well in school. Jennifer continues to pursue options for a life-long career and is currently researching options for the school she wishes to attend. One of Jennifer's main goals is to save enough money to buy a car and reduce her reliance on public transportation.

# 2018 Hope for Housing Fundraiser Raises over \$20,000 for Homeless Families!



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*Paolo's Restaurant ~ Pacific Medical Centers*

*Wild Wheat Bakery ~ BECU ~ St Stephen the Martyr Parish*

*Total Wine and More ~ Jim and MaryAnn Thorp*

2018'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 \$20,000 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!

## Shout outs!

### Thank you Christmas donors!

Thanks to all for the generosity shown this last Christmas! All the families in our program were "adopted"—meaning a generous donor shopped, wrapped and delivered presents for an entire family. Thanks to all who bought gift cards for the Giving Tree in St. Stephen the Martyr's Narthex—those cards will help our families all year!



### Day of Caring Volunteers Rock!

Volunteers from US Bank spent the United Way's volunteering day cleaning, weeding and landscaping the grounds at our housing site in Auburn. They made it beautiful once again and we are so grateful for their hard work!



## Cool Happenings!

### Department of Commerce award

SSHA was recently awarded a Housing Preservation grant through the Washington State Department of Commerce. This capital funds grant will allow us to make much needed improvements to the housing site in Auburn.

### Seattle Give Camp

This past October, SSHA was thrilled to be part of Seattle Give Camp—a 3 day "hackathon" where tech savvy volunteers help non-profits with their software needs. Our amazing volunteer crew revamped our outdated website and created a modern and user friendly site. Check it out at [www.ststephenhousing.org](http://www.ststephenhousing.org)

### Save the date!

### Hope for Housing is November 9!

This year's Hope for Housing event will be held on Saturday, November 9 in the St. Stephen the Martyr Social Hall. If you've been, you know how inspiring it is and how much fun you had! If you haven't been, this is the year to attend!

**Mark your calendar now!**







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# Would you like to get involved?

*We love our volunteers who keep our program running!*

*We couldn't do it without the many men and women who give of their time and talent.*

*We would be thrilled to have you be a part of our team!*

**There are lots of areas where we can use your help. Does one of these speak to you?**

- \* **Cleaning and preparing houses before new families move in**
- \* **Landscaping and yard maintenance**
- \* **Organizing household donations**
- \* **Soliciting donations for our Hope for Housing fundraiser**
- \* **Serving on our Board of Directors**
- \* **Furniture donation pick up and disposal**
- \* **Assisting with social media and outreach**



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