



Imagine Housing
building eastside communities

About Imagine Housing

Who we are: Imagine Housing builds hope and strengthens communities in East King County by developing affordable rental homes and supporting our residents so they can lead stable, happier and more productive lives.



How we came to be: Imagine Housing was founded as St. Andrew's Housing Group in 1987 by members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. The organization became independently incorporated in 1989 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Until 1993, St. Andrew's was a volunteer-led organization. During this time, volunteers learned the business of developing affordable housing, established St. Andrew's within the market, created networking relationships, and built a solid reputation as a trustworthy developer of affordable housing. In 1992, we opened our first housing development, Andrew's Arms, providing 14 units of affordable housing in Issaquah. In 1993, we hired our first executive director and entered into a period of dramatic growth and accomplishment. In 2011, we unveiled a new name for the organization, Imagine Housing, to more broadly reflect our mission to build and maintain affordable housing and to support our residents.

What we do: By building attractive, affordable, permanent apartment homes for low-income residents, we offer our residents a safe and stable place to live. Our supportive services team works with residents to help ensure that they can maintain their housing by building their confidence and their educational, employment, financial and life management skills. We also provide academic and social enrichment activities for children. We are committed to helping children succeed in school so they can succeed in life and break the cycle of poverty in their families.

Who we serve: Imagine Housing's 485 affordable living apartments are home to nearly 1,100 individuals in Mercer Island, Issaquah, Redmond, Bellevue and Kirkland. These are our Eastside neighbors in need – low-income families, veterans, seniors, teens and children – who deserve homes they can afford and the support they need to become contributing members of our community.



Our impact: Affordable housing allows families to live where they work, reducing area traffic and commute times for parents, increasing the community tax base and advancing the quality of life for everyone who lives here. When people know they have a stable place to live, they can better focus on their families, their education, their jobs and their community – reducing their dependence on public services, breaking the cycle of generational poverty and ensuring a stronger community for us all.

Your role: We rely on the generosity of individual, corporate and foundation donors to offer homes and hope to those most in need. Your investment pays off in concrete ways – in the communities we build and the lives we transform.

Collaboration with our community partners ensures that we are fully responsive to community needs and helps make Imagine Housing more efficient and effective in delivering on our mission.