

Affordable Housing Matters Now More Than Ever

On August 20, King County announced a \$41 million fund for emergency housing aid and is expected to assist up to 10,000 households across the region. Funding is prioritized for the highest-need areas and individuals in King County. To be eligible for assistance, all renters must have an income at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income over the past 60 days, and must be partially or fully behind at least one month of rent since March 1, 2020. Renters must also meet one of several secondary criteria, such as having high rent burden, a history of homelessness or eviction, or a disability.

Unfortunately, estimates show that almost 60,000 households need assistance, so while this program will help many, it will only provide funding for a small fraction of households in need. As the pandemic continues, low income households will continue to face high obstacles for rental assistance, childcare, food insecurity and more.

Imagine Housing has now raised almost \$220,000 in rental assistance from private sources and a generous grant from the city of Bellevue towards our goal of \$300,000. Our goal is to provide assistance to as many households as possible so we can continue to provide housing stability for the most vulnerable in our Eastside communities. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to this goal.

You still have an opportunity to donate to our Rental Assistance Fund throughout the end of this year.

Support the Rental Assistance Fund

Join the Imagine Housing Virtual Auction on October 3rd to Support Affordable Housing

Elevate your experience with a Party Pack!

The 2020 Imagine Gala & Auction has been re-imagined - we're going virtual!

This year, you can elevate your experience with a Party Pack. Come celebrate Imagine Housing's work as you raise a glass and support affordable housing.



We'd like to thank amazing local businesses **DeLille Cellars**, **A Platinum Event Catering**, and local award-winning bartender **Josef Dietrich** for their contributions in creating these fabulous event packages.

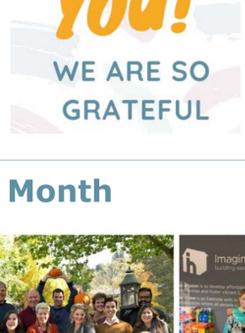
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THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



Philanthropic Golfers Raise \$56,000 to Support Affordable Housing

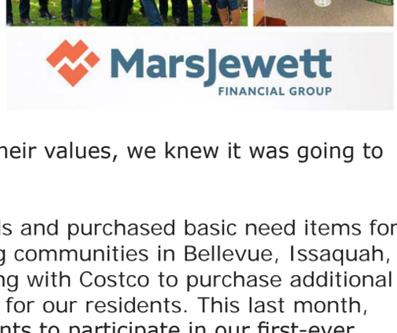
On August 31st, our inaugural golf tournament, Homes FORE All! opened to a scenic and sunny view at The Golf Club at Newcastle. We are grateful to our sponsors, the golfers who tee'd up for housing stability, those who donated and placed bids in the online auction, and to our volunteers who made this event a huge success!



Volunteer of the Month

Community partnerships and volunteers are vital to the work we do at Imagine Housing.

MarsJewett Financial Group connected with Imagine to become more involved in supporting the needs of their local community. Carol Lindor, their Client Services Associate, shared that "the mission and history with clients and co-workers made volunteering with Imagine seem like a great fit." With Compassion as one of their values, we knew it was going to be a great fit.



Since June, MarsJewett has raised funds and purchased basic need items for the residents of seven Imagine Housing communities in Bellevue, Issaquah, and Kirkland. They are currently working with Costco to purchase additional quantities of toilet paper, sanitizer, etc. for our residents. This last month, the President, Scott Jewett, invited clients to participate in our first-ever golf tournament! Scott said they had a wonderful day on the course.

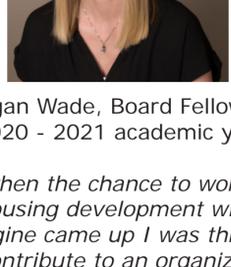
We are so grateful to MarsJewett for partnering with Imagine to support their local community during this time. While we do not know what lies ahead, we know that with community partnerships and the power of compassion, we can continue supporting the most vulnerable people on the Eastside.

UW Program & Imagine Housing Connect MBA Students with Board Experience

We are excited to welcome Preeyel Dalal and Megan Wade as Board Fellows for the 2020 – 2021 academic year!

For MBA students looking for an opportunity to build skills for community leadership through board experience, and for nonprofit boards looking to build the next generation business and civic leaders, the University of Washington Foster School of Business Board Fellows program is a perfect fit.

Imagine Housing has participated in the University of Washington Board Fellows program since 2016. After an application and matching process, two Board Fellows are selected from the MBA and MPA additional pool to serve as non-voting board members for the academic year. This provides students with an opportunity to develop a foundation in board governance and professional consulting practices and make an impact in their local communities through board service and committee participation.



Megan Wade, Board Fellow for 2020 - 2021 academic year



Preeyel Dalal, Board Fellow for 2020 - 2021 academic year

"...when the chance to work in housing development with Imagine came up I was thrilled to contribute to an organization and mission I care about."
--Megan

"This fellowship is a natural extension of my interest in improving access to opportunity for underserved populations. I'm looking forward to working closely with and learning from the Imagine Housing board."
--Preeyel

Tim Grant, a Board Mentor for the program, says, "it is an excellent way for a non-profit to help build early involvement, sometimes as a first introduction, to students looking to learn and contribute to the non-profit and not-for-profit sector."

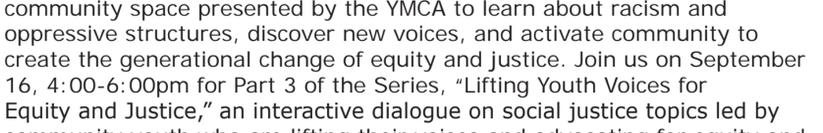
Upcoming

EVENTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

Affordable Housing Week is a time for housing advocates to gather, strategize, and re-energize over new ideas to address King County's housing crisis. Despite all the challenges 2020 presented, especially when it comes to the events and programs we have grown to love, AHW is a force that cannot be stopped! The official dates for AHW 2020 are October 12 to 16.

Join Imagine Housing and other Eastside housing partners for a Know Your Zone educational session on Wednesday, October 14th from 4:30-6pm. We'll have a digital panel with Eastside officials to discuss zoning challenges as it relates to affordable housing. Final webinar link will be announced on our website, so sign up for the waiting list and stay tuned!



Imagine Housing is proud to sponsor Unleashing Potential for All, a community space presented by the YMCA to learn about racism and oppressive structures, discover new voices, and activate community to create the generational change of equity and justice. Join us on September 16, 4:00-6:00pm for Part 3 of the Series, "Lifting Youth Voices for Equity and Justice," an interactive dialogue on social justice topics led by community youth who are lifting their voices and advocating for equity and justice.

Save the Date!



Sept 14-18: Sign up for Days of Caring, presented by United Way of King County, for 5 days of virtual, do-it-yourself and socially distanced ways to volunteer, give back and work toward a more equitable community.

Sept 26 - Oct 3: Join us for a virtual "Roaring 20s House Party" for the Re-Imagine Gala & Auction. Don't forget to order your party pack before September 27!

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Quicklinks

Imagine Gala & Auction

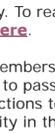
All In, Together

Volunteer

Raise money for Imagine Housing whenever you shop at Amazon!



Advocate



Imagine Housing participates in the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count to identify the number of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness in King County. To read the full report, click [here](#).

Email your members of Congress and ask them to pass critical housing protections to ensure housing stability in the HEROES Act!

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