



Imagine Housing  
building eastside communities

The Blueprint  
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## Last Call for Tickets to Hope, Homes, & Hops!



### Hope Homes & Hops

OCTOBER 6, 2018 | 6:00 - 10:00 PM

You still have time to join us at Hope, Homes, & Hops this Saturday, October 6th at 20 Corners Brewing Co. in Woodinville!

Sponsored by Zillow Group and Amazon, this fun new event will be a night of building community, giving back, live music, great prizes, and, of course, beer. Your ticket includes food and tokens for two beers (or wine or cider) from 20 Corners' selection. We will have a fabulous silent auction full of coffee, wine, and beer items, as well as local hotel stays and other experiences and entertainment - and a raffle with a grand prize two night stay at a private beach home in Lakebay, WA!

Purchase tickets [here](#) to join us - see you on Saturday!

## Spread Holiday Cheer— Join Our Holiday Gift Program

While lots of people are still dreaming up the perfect Halloween costume, we are already in full holiday swing! Each year, our Holiday Gift Program brings our community together to give kids a magical holiday. Last year, our incredible community partners delivered **over 600 holiday gifts** to kids who live in Imagine Housing communities. For many of these kids, these are the only gifts they received. As you can imagine, they were overcome with joy.

You can be a part of the magic this year! If you work at a local company who would like to give back, **consider becoming a partner and collecting gifts for residents and their families.** Or, get a team of colleagues together to **donate gifts or sponsor a community holiday dinner.** Or, if you have some time to give and want to volunteer, we are now looking for **holiday magic volunteers** who can help with gift tracking, pickup, and more!

For more information or to sign up, [email Kathryn](#) or fill out the [volunteer form](#) on our website.

Happy early holidays from all of us at Imagine Housing!



## What We're Reading: Matthew Desmond on Poverty and Employment in the US

"*In America, if you work hard, you will succeed. So those who do not succeed have not worked hard.*" Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evicted*, Matthew Desmond, challenges this notion in a recent feature article for the New York Times: "[Americans Want to Believe Jobs Are the Solution to Poverty. They're Not.](#)"

We highly recommend the article as an exploration of our national sentiment around poverty, work, and who "deserves" to succeed. Did you know that 98% of poor Americans work - often part-time or for low wages - or are unpaid caregivers, students, disabled, or retired?

As our Board President, Garrett, reflected, "[the article] provides a good perspective on the difference between 'unemployment' and 'low wages' in how they impact housing affordability and the need. This is really a large component of the issue on the Eastside."

We encourage you to read Desmond's piece as related to our shared vision for an Eastside with interconnected and welcoming communities where all people can live, learn, work and play.

*Pictured below: Vanessa, whose story is told in the article, with a client for whom she is a caregiver. Vanessa works part-time, raises her three children, and was an unpaid caregiver for her father until his death.*



## Sign Up Now: October Lunch & Learn

Each quarter, Imagine Housing hosts lunch at Velocity, our award winning community in Kirkland, for people to become more informed about the housing affordability crisis in King County.

[Register here](#) to join us for the next Imagine Housing Lunch & Learn on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM.

This short educational lunch program offers an overview of our mission, programs, goals, and most importantly, how you can help. We promise you'll learn a lot, meet other like-minded people and get more connected to the Eastside.



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