



**Imagine Housing**  
building eastside communities

***The Blueprint***  
**News from Imagine Housing**  
**May 2017**

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**Affordable Housing Week:  
May 15-22**

Come learn with us! Imagine Housing will be joining cities around the region the week of May 15-22<sup>nd</sup> to observe [Affordable Housing Week](#) and highlight the positive impact that strong local housing policy can have on all King County residents. We will be attending City Council meetings across the Eastside to accept proclamations and speak about the critical need for local and regional action on housing affordability.



We will also be hosting a community event at Velocity, featuring speakers from Eastside City Councils, data and information about local housing need, and a look into the homelessness crisis on the Eastside.

**Event Details**

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Velocity Apartments at the South Kirkland Park & Ride  
Rooftop Community Space  
4:00-6:00 pm

[Please RSVP here.](#) More details will be coming soon.

What you can do for Affordable Housing Week:

- Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to attend our event on 5/18 - all are welcome!
- [Attend other events happening around the County all week](#)
- Call, email, and visit your local City Council members and share with them why you support affordable homes.
- Sign up for our [advocacy email list](#) for more ways to engage throughout the year!

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**Community Support Helps Move  
Eastside Shelter Forward**

Imagine Housing is partnering with Congregations for the Homeless to build 50-60 units of permanent affordable housing above a year-round emergency shelter and daytime services center for men.



Bellevue City Council voted to move forward with the Eastside shelter project after a long and contentious community engagement process. Pending a 45-day period to review two other sites, the project will move forward at the Eastgate Public Health Center. With the site confirmed, we will continue working to bring this much-needed community resource for Bellevue. You can read more about the council process from the [Bellevue Reporter](#) and the [Seattle Times](#) editorial board.

The current winter shelter is unable to provide the year-round support that helps men move on from homelessness and into permanent housing. We are immensely grateful to all those who spoke up by calling or emailing their Councilmembers, testifying before the City Council, or showing up to support our community's most vulnerable residents. Your advocacy is truly critical to our mission to develop affordable housing, build welcoming communities and foster vibrant futures for *all* Eastside residents.

Bellevue alone needs **13,679 more homes** affordable to those making less than 50% of the Area Median Income to meet its affordable housing goals by 2030. Imagine Housing is committed to seeing that all Eastsiders have a safe, warm place to sleep and the support they need to thrive.

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## 2017 *Imagine* Auction Raised \$510,000 for Affordable Housing

Thank you to all the amazing attendees, donors, sponsors, residents, and volunteers who made our 2017 *Imagine* Benefit Dinner & Auction a highly successful event! Your generosity resulted in more than \$510,000 raised for Imagine Housing's mission to develop affordable housing, build welcoming communities, and foster vibrant futures.



This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Imagine Housing, founded as St. Andrew's Housing Group in 1987, and we were delighted to honor the organization's founders at the event. We heard from residents of several Imagine Housing communities and got an inside view from our keynote speaker of how the stability of an affordable home creates a safe community in which to raise her family and achieve her educational and professional goals.

Check out our event video [here](#), and photos from the evening on our [Facebook page](#) - please share with your friends, family, and coworkers! We would also love to hear the impact the evening had for you via email or on social media.

**Mark your calendars now - next year's auction will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2018!**

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## Upcoming Events and Announcements

**May 10, 2017:** [GiveBIG Seattle!](#) This one-day online giving event is presented by the Seattle Foundation to raise funds for area nonprofit organizations, and we hope you will take the opportunity to either [make a gift](#) in support of Imagine Housing, or spread the word through your community. This year, donors can schedule a gift in advance, from now until May 10th!

**Job Opportunities:** Imagine Housing is hiring for the following position: [Resident Support Specialist/Case Manager](#). Follow the link for details and how to apply!

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