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The Blueprint
June 2019

Deliver Produce this Summer with Farms for Life

Farms for Life has been a valued partner of Imagine Housing since 2016 and we are looking for volunteers to assist them with delivering fresh, local produce to our residents on Tuesdays. If you are interested, please sign up on our Volunteer Sign Up Page. This local organization donates local produce to residents at our communities weekly, from the beginning of June through October, so that our residents have access to fresh, healthy foods.

Farms for Life's mission is "to provide fresh, locally-grown produce to under-served people in our community." Their goal is to provide individuals and families with the resources and confidence to empower households to make healthier food choices.

Our residents love the Farms for Life season, and many wait for the delivery so they can do their "shopping" for the week. Imagine Housing Resident Support Specialist Nellie Fishburn says, "The best part about Farms for Life is the quality of the produce. It is always fresh and flavorful, which inspires people to eat healthy foods. It's

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Farms for Life Volunteer Sign Up

Why Housing Matters

Donate Essential Needs

Raise the Roof

Shop at AmazonSmile
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Save the Date!

June 12: Join Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the country to speak out through social media, letters, phone calls and attendance at public forums to make the case for affordable homes in America.

July 18: Sign up for Lunch & Learn at Imagine Housing's Velocity community in Kirkland, Thursday, July 18 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Join us to learn about how housing impacts our

like going to a farmers market, the community comes together around the local produce and people have opportunities to try new things and trade recipes. It is fun to see people getting excited about eating vegetables."

We are so grateful to Farms for Life for supporting healthy, thriving households and communities!

Celebrating 30Bellevue

On June 4th, Imagine Housing celebrated the grand opening of its newest community, 30Bellevue. This beautiful new community features 63 apartments near transit, shopping and the best schools in the state. 25 of the new residents are under age 18 and are being personally welcomed into the Bellevue School District with backpacks and other supplies.

The 142 new residents of come from many walks of life including:

- one grandmother who has raised all of her grandchildren; the last one is in high school and dreams of going to college, and with stable housing they can now work toward that goal
- a former executive chef who worked in Hawaii for over 20 years who is excited to participate in community dinners
- a group of mothers who have already established a support system organically at a community meal

Celebrating 30Bellevue with elected officials and St. Luke's Church members

We are excited to report that all apartments in 30Bellevue are leased, but there are still a few people who are waiting on beds. We have put together an Amazon Wish List for anyone who may be interested in purchasing a bed, bedframe or linens.

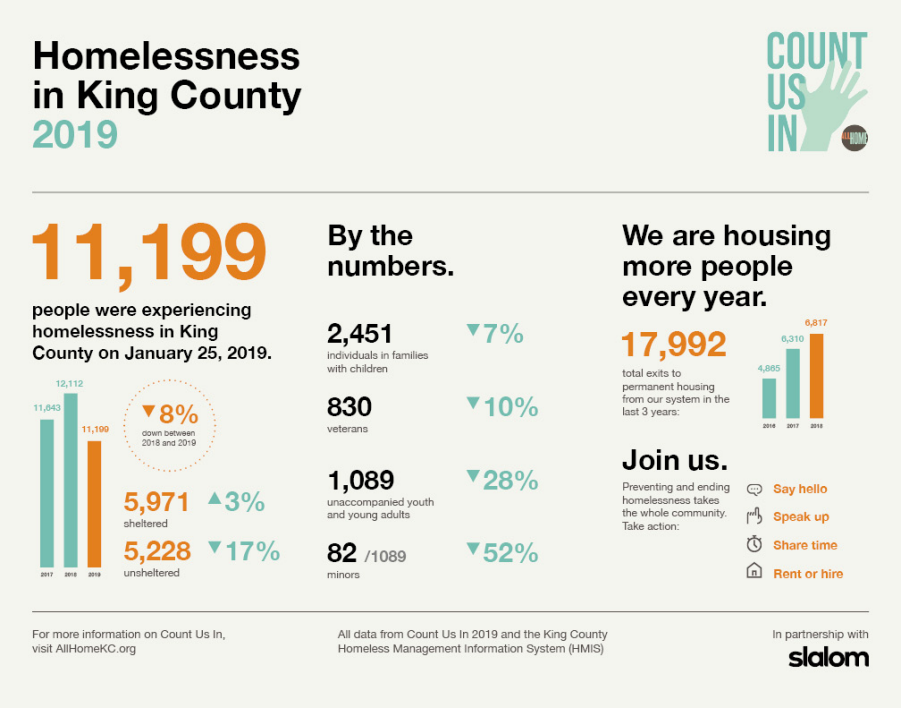
communities and Imagine Housing's response to the affordable housing crisis.

Oct 2: Save the date for a fun-filled night on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

The event, ***Raise the Roof***, will feature live music and tastes from local chefs, wineries, distilleries and breweries. There will also be a Whiskey 101 Class & Tasting presented by John Howie Steak's "Spirit Director" Tim Lodahl. This 30 minute class will include the opportunity to taste some of the best whiskeys around! Mark your calendar now and watch for registration information coming in early July.

2019 Count Us In Report Provides Snapshot of Homelessness in King County

All Home released the 2019 Count Us in Report last month, an annual analysis of the point-in-time count for people experiencing homelessness throughout King County. The 2019 report shows the first reduction in homelessness for Seattle/King County since 2012. 11,199 people were experiencing homelessness on January 25, 2019, which is an 8% decrease from 2018.



Some other points of interest from the report include:

- An estimated 2,451 individuals were in families with children
- Targeted county programs for outreach appear to have had a positive impact in reducing homelessness among veterans and youth.
- On the Eastside, the share of people living unsheltered has increased by nearly 6 percent since 2017

Learn more about the Eastside homeless population has changed since 2017 here. You can read the full report here, and click on the infographic above for a larger view. All Home has also unveiled a new interactive data dashboard provide a more detailed look at the homeless service system.

You asked - we're delivering! Get the slides for "Affordable Housing 101: Why is it so dang hard?"

We want to say thank you to the almost 100 community members, providers, elected officials who attended our Affordable Housing Week event on May 15. We have had some requests for the slideshow presentations from the event and you will find links below:

- The presentation from Dan Landes, of King County Housing Authority, on the vital need for affordable housing is available here.
- Tech 4 Housing's presentation on how to advocate and engage in conversations around affordable housing is available here.

Thank you for your advocacy!