Investing for Impact

We are extremely excited to announce our recent successful fund raising of $1 million in social impact funds. Impact investments combine an investor's goal to have a positive impact in their community while also receiving a triple bottom line to include social, environmental and financial return. For Imagine Housing, it provides much needed capital that is invested directly into our affordable housing developments that provide affordable apartment homes to at-risk Eastside seniors, veterans, families, and individuals. Investors include individuals, foundations and organizations from the local community.

Dan Brettler, Chairman & CEO of Car Toys, who has a long history of working to change the face of homelessness in Washington, had this to say about his investment in the program:

> *"The Brettler Family Foundation is proud to be a supporter of the Imagine Housing Social Impact Investment Fund. This fund is an outstanding combination of community impact and social investment."*

Imagine Housing looks forward to working with more members of the community to continue to make an impact on addressing the affordable housing issue.

The Difference Community Makes for One Man

Francis Village in Kirkland is much more than just an apartment building – it's a thriving community of caring individuals. For one resident, Troy, it's a community that is helping him regain his health and connect with others.

Troy didn't expect to go from a well-paying job to fighting for his life after a heart attack. Then the medical bills came, and Troy lost his job. When his unemployment ran out and he was not able to pay his rent, his only option was to live out of his car. But living out of his BMW, he had no safety net, no support system and was unable to find employment. His self-esteem, physical health and mental health all suffered. But, now, he lives at Francis Village.

Troy heard about Francis Village from a resident and put in an application for an available unit. After five years of living in his car, Troy moved into his permanent home just after Valentine's Day in 2016.

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Save the Date!

Aug 13: Join the Alliance for Justice's Bolder Advocacy Initiative for an advocacy workshop. This intensive training is designed as both a crash course for newer nonprofit advocates and a refresher for seasoned veterans. Registration closes at noon on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Sept 23: "What is Affordable Housing?" This program series at the East Shore Unitarian Church will incorporate film, conversation, and presentations from people in our region to explore the complexities of our housing crisis.

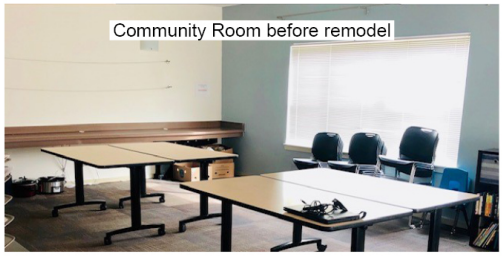
Since then, he's rebuilt his life and made new friendships. Community meals are one of his favorite ways to get to know his neighbors, because there's nothing like eating a meal to make a connection with your fellow neighbor. His self-esteem has improved, his health improved, and his mental health improved. He says with a grin, "I'm thriving and so blessed to be able to call Francis Village my home."

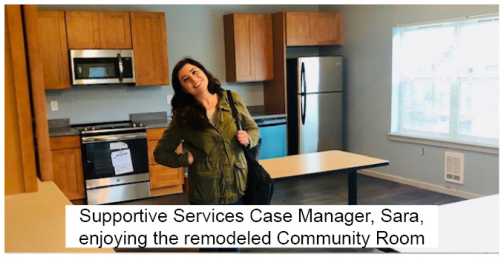
Thank You, Boeing Employees!

Thanks to a grant from the Employees Community Fund of The Boeing Company, we were able to remodel the kitchen and community space at one of our older properties, Rose Crest. The old kitchen at this community space was a very small space, only 104 square feet, and only one or two people could cook in the kitchen at a time.

The newly remodeled community space includes a new, larger kitchen that opens up into the community room, giving it a more open and inviting feel and allowing greater community use of the kitchen. The original kitchen has become a private meeting space that residents, property management, and Supportive Services can use to ensure confidentiality when meeting with residents, or when residents meet with other service providers.

> *Supportive Services Case Manager, Sara said, "The community room remodel is very exciting. It has given the residents a beautiful new space to do activities and community meal in. Residents who have come into the community room are looking forward to utilizing the space! I appreciate all the hard work that has been put into the project to make it happen."*


Community Room before remodel


Supportive Services Case Manager, Sara, enjoying the remodeled Community Room

Former kitchen now remodeled to an office space

Thank you!

Oct 2: Tickets are on sale now for Raise the Roof! Make some noise for affordable housing at this fun-filled event Wednesday, October 2nd. (See article in main newsletter for more information.)

Oct 7 & 8: Join the Housing Development Consortium for a 1.5 day training to learn the skills and gain the confidence to turn your housing passion into housing advocacy.

Oct 24: Sign up for Lunch & Learn at Imagine Housing's Velocity community in Kirkland, Thursday, October 24 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm.

NOW: Become an advocacy champion for HB 1406! Cities and counties need to take action by January 2020 to keep a portion of the state sales tax to use for affordable housing. The Housing Development Consortium is working with cities and encouraging them to pool their resources. Learn more here. Take action here.

EMPLOYEES COMMUNITY FUND OF BOEING

Make Some Noise for Affordable Housing!

Join us for a fun-filled event with great people, music, food and libations! Enjoy creative, exciting appetizers and desserts from some of our favorite chefs and restaurants in the community—all accompanied by tastings from amazing wineries, distilleries and breweries.

VIP tickets include a Whiskey 101 Class & Tasting presented by John Howie Steak's "Spirit Director" Tim Lodahl. This 60 minute class will include the opportunity to taste some of the best whiskeys in town!

Proceeds will support our Imagine 1000 goal of serving 2,400 people in 1,000 affordable homes by 2022.

Tickets are on sale now!

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Thank you to our fabulous partners for the evening!
Stay tuned, as more are being added each day.

Board Opportunity for Young Professionals!

Imagine Housing's Young Professionals Board (YPB) is an opportunity to make an impact in your community, network with other socially-minded young professionals, and build awareness about affordable housing. YPB members will gain valuable board experience and help generate support for Imagine Housing. YPB members have the opportunity to:

- Collaborate and plan an annual fundraising event
- Establish networking connections with other young professionals
- Raise awareness about Imagine Housing and affordable housing in our community
- Offer leadership and creatively in building new connecting and engaging your peers in Imagine Housing's mission
- Participate in a bi-annual team-building volunteer project

To learn more, visit our website or email Jen Boone at JenB@imaginehousing.org.