The Blueprint
April 2020

Shout Out to the Community Who Cares!

Imagine Housing residents are among those who have been hit hardest by the recent closure of businesses and the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order from our state. Over the past month, our dedicated case management and property management staff has worked tirelessly to provide extra care and resources for our residents. Many individual volunteers, local businesses, non-profits and city governments have come forward to help, too. They have provided meals, rental assistance, transportation and other resources. We are grateful and encouraged by the ways the community has come together during this uncommon time.

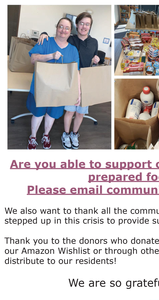
For a full list of Imagine Housing's response to COVID-19, please see our website.

Please read on for a few stories to make your day brighter!

Will, Case Manager for Grace Place, was inspired by the snack trolley from the popular movie Harry Potter and shared this picture of his senior wellness check basic needs cart while he made his rounds at Grace Place.

He says, "The biggest change is having to amend resource distribution. I've been doing door dash deliveries essentially, a knock and then I walk away and wait to see them pop their heads up and give me a thumbs up."

Jay, Case Manager for Francis Village, along with volunteers Hunter, Amanda and Leah, have been instrumental in picking up donated boxed meals from Microsoft at the Hopelink Food Bank in Kirkland and distributing them to residents.



Zana, one of our Veterans Case Managers at Andrew's Glen, said "How much the community is helping is amazing. Lots of people are bringing in donations and dropping things off for those less fortunate and able to get resources."

MJ, our other Veterans Case Manager at Andrew's Glen said that despite the social distancing in place, the situation "has brought the community together, absolutely."

Are you able to support our veterans with frozen or prepared food donations?
Please email community@imaginehousing.org

We also want to thank all the community partners and donors who have stepped up in this crisis to provide support to our residents in need.

Thank you to the donors who donated basic needs supplies, either from our Amazon Wishlist or through other means, for our case managers to distribute to our residents!

We are so grateful for your support!

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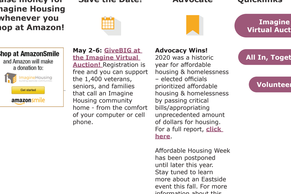
Imagine Virtual Auction May 2-6

As you may know, this year we had to move our annual spring Gala & Auction to the fall. However, we have several unique and special packages that just can't wait until the fall to be auctioned off – so, we decided to hold a virtual auction this spring.

Please join us from May 2 – 6th for this unique opportunity to bid on some exciting packages! Proceeds support our resident support services programs.

We hope you will join us to GiveBIG at the Imagine Virtual Auction!

Our Virtual Imagine Auction will kick off Saturday, May 2nd and close with a grand finale livestream on Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pacific time. Look for more details to come via email, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Registration is FREE and easy!

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Volunteer of the Month: Susan Hori

We are delighted to highlight Susan Hori as our volunteer of the month. Susan is a project manager for Walsh Construction, a generous sponsor of our 2020 Gala and Auction (Oct. 3rd) and a long time supporter of Imagine Housing. Susan has done an outstanding job of procuring items for the Gala. Susan previously attended four Imagine Housing fundraising events and had so much fun as a participant that she wanted to see how she could contribute as a volunteer. She says it's rewarding knowing that the donations she solicits are contributing to bettering someone's life.

Susan first became aware of affordable housing when she started working at Walsh Construction almost 12 years ago. Walsh Construction most recently worked with Imagine Housing on the award-winning 308Bellevue apartment community. Since those first months at Walsh Construction, Susan has been involved with organizing and participating in various charity events and has taken the knowledge and experiences from each in hopes of raising additional funds for others.

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"By volunteering, I've been able to 'pay it forward' and help folks with various levels of needs. Especially during these challenging times, we all need to be creative and share knowledge that we've gained from each other. As we've repeatedly heard... We're all in this together."

Welcoming Linda Benson to the Team

We are delighted to welcome Linda Benson to the Imagine Housing team as VP of Community and Donor Engagement. Linda has more than 30 years of executive leadership, management and fund development experience in the non-profit sector. Most recently, Linda was Director of Community Development at The Sophia Way. She is a passionate leader who finds great meaning in the amazing work that can be accomplished when we bring our best gifts together around a compelling purpose.

She has stepped up to the challenge of working remotely with the Donor Engagement team and we're grateful to have her with us (separately, in our own home offices).

Welcome, Linda!

Raise money for Imagine Housing whenever you shop at Amazon!

Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Imagine Housing

Save the Date!

May 2-6: GiveBIG at the Imagine Virtual Auction! Registration is free and you can support the 1,400 veterans, seniors, and families that call an Imagine Housing community home - from the comfort of your computer or cell phone.

Advocate

Advocacy Wins! 2020 was a historic year for affordable housing & homelessness – elected officials prioritized affordable housing & homelessness by passing critical bills/appropriating unprecedented amount of dollars for housing. For a full report, click here.

Affordable Housing Week has been postponed until later this year. Stay tuned to learn more about an Eastside event this fall. For more information about this annual event and special week, head over to HDC's website.

Quicklinks

Imagine Virtual Auction

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