



The 2019 Imagine Gala & Auction is right around the corner! Join us at 5:45pm on March 30th for an evening of fun, food, and competitive giving. Proceeds from the event, which includes both silent and live auctions, go toward our Imagine 1000 goal of serving more than 2,400 residents by 2022.

Not able to attend? Please consider a [donation](#) to help us get to our goal of \$550,000 to help those in need in our communities.

**REGISTER NOW**

## Our own Founder, Reverend James N. McEachran Awarded MLK Medal of Distinguished Service



There are 1,200 people on the Eastside who would not be housed without Pastor James McEachran. We owe our very existence to Pastor Jim and his passion to make a difference in his community. We are so excited he has been recognized by the King County Council for his instrumental work for affordable housing.

Every year, the King County Council awards the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medal of Distinguished

Service to people who have answered Dr. King's question: "What are you doing for others?"

On Wednesday, February 27th, Councilmember Claudia Balducci awarded the District 6 medal to St. Andrew's Pastor James McEachran for his amazing work on housing, food security and education.

In 1987, Pastor Jim and a small group of highly passionate volunteers at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, WA saw a clear need for more affordable housing in East King

County. They were not content to sit on the sidelines, and soon formed St. Andrew's Housing Group as an independent non-profit organization focused entirely on creating affordable apartment homes in the region. They opened Andrew's Arms in 1992, which was just the start. St. Andrew's Housing Group was renamed Image Housing in 2011, and now serves over 1,200 people in 14 apartment communities with affordable housing and supportive services.

Pastor Jim has inspired and educated generations of community members who live their values and work for the common good.

Pastor Jim's legacy and continuing work inspires us daily. *Thank you, Pastor Jim,* and congratulations on the King County MLK Distinguished Service Award for District 6!

[Click here to watch the video honoring Pastor James McEachran's devotion to advocacy.](#)

Image: Pastor James McEachran with Imagine Housing CEO Vilette Nolon in 2018

## We made difference! You can still help

**Imagine Housing residents and staff went to Olympia for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day with 600 other housing advocates**

Thursday February 28th was a powerful day of action in Olympia for housing advocates. Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, organized by the [Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#), brings together more than 600 advocates to meet with lawmakers and publicly fight for safe, stable, and affordable housing in all of Washington state.

There is still time to speak with your lawmakers about your support for affordable housing. It only takes a few moments and your voice matters! [Click here to send a message to your lawmakers.](#)

Imagine Housing staff and residents made the trek to Olympia to share stories about the need for affordable housing and to support pro-housing policies on the table for the lawmakers. The day included a rally on the steps of the Washington State Capitol.

We spoke with senators and representatives about the importance of the Housing Trust Fund, the importance of preventing homelessness by reducing eviction through the passage of much-needed eviction reform bill, and the importance of expanding the Housing and Essential needs rental assistance program.



Ultimately, the voices of the voters is what makes the difference for how lawmakers make decisions in Olympia, however you can get your words to them.

## Thank you to Our Grant Partners

Thank you to all of the foundations and organizations that generously funded grants in 2018. With your help, we were able to put welcoming and comfortable furniture in our

community spaces, provide essential needs supplies to our residents, and serve warm, healthy meals to our residents at community dinners. We are so grateful!

- Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- City of Bellevue Human Services Division
- City of Sammamish
- Costco Wholesale - Community Relations
- Eastside Community Aid Thrift Shop
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Hasbro Children's Fund
- Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation - Real Estate & Facilities
- Moccasin Lake Foundation
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Premera Blue Cross
- Tableau Software Foundation
- Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
- Umpqua Bank
- US Bank
- Washington Federal Foundation
- Windermere Foundation

Special thanks to the City of Kirkland and the Kirkland Interfaith Network for the help they gave to our residents at Velocity in a time of crisis.

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Donate today to help reach our goal of providing 1,000 affordable homes to 2,400 people on the Eastside by 2022.

**Your Support Makes a Difference**

**Donate**