



The Difference You Make: 2017 Achievement Report



Our 2017 Achievement Report is here, and we're happy to share the results of the impact you had last year.

You can view the digital report [here](#), which includes a special profile of Albana, an inspiring young resident at an Imagine Housing community who has lived there her whole life and now gives back by volunteering.

"What I've seen for my family and in my community is that affordable housing takes people out of toxic environments; it allows them to focus on feeding their families, and on their emotional health, which is super important; it can take people out of dangerous situations; and it offers a chance."

Thank you for your part in providing that chance for families like Albana's. Click the link above to learn more about her story, and to review the accomplishments you made possible in 2017!

CBBain: Taking Part in Community at Velocity

Thank you to the brokers at Coldwell Banker Bain of Kirkland who have helped Imagine Housing staff create a consistently warm and fun atmosphere by providing a community meal each month at Velocity Apartments. "We deal in homes and in finding people homes," says Rich Whitehill, who introduced this community impact opportunity to his team. "We have to know there is more than one type of home out there, and it's important to do what we can to build up our whole community. Imagine Housing isn't just creating low-income housing. It's giving people a chance to rebuild their lives."

Rich shared that their first meal, in March, wound up being "a little bit of an overreach" - the volunteer group served an Irish dinner,



but none of the dinner attendees had a connection to Irish food. "It was a matter of getting to know more people in the community, and serving comfort foods, food that people want to eat." As the regular volunteers have gotten to know the residents, each month has gotten better and better. They have brought more coworkers and even family members, building up a volunteer group that delivers successful meals because they care about being a part of the Velocity community.

Jim Kallerson responded to Rich's suggestion to get involved with the community dinner program. "It seems like a natural fit for Coldwell Banker Bain and our Brokers, to want to help people out that are trying to make a better life for themselves. Housing is expensive in this area, and for those that need a helping hand, Imagine Housing is a wonderful program to support! By signing up for a meal a month, we are just letting them know that we care. We all need help at times, every one of us, and this is just a great way to share in the experience of life really."

We are so grateful to the Coldwell Banker Bain volunteers for being a part of building stability and community at Velocity, and we look forward to seeing their wonderful monthly meals continue.

If you're interested in learning more about providing community dinners at an Imagine Housing property, contact [Kathryn](#) or visit our [website](#).

Drink Beer, Support Housing: Hope, Homes & Hops



Join the Young Professionals Board for Hope, Homes & Hops, a night of building community, giving back, live music, great prizes, and tasting beer! The event will be held on October 6, 2018 at 20 Corners Brewing Co. in Woodinville. Check out the [event](#) on Facebook to stay informed and get your tickets when they go on sale.

All proceeds from this event will support affordable housing development and resident services in our communities.

If you are interested in attending or sponsoring, or can make an item donation to build an exciting raffle and silent auction, visit the event [website](#).

Want to learn more about the YPB? Visit our [volunteer page](#) or contact [Kathryn](#).

Upcoming: Lunch & Learn with Imagine Housing

Learn more about the housing crisis on the Eastside and ways we can all help those in need of affordable housing in our communities! Join us for the next Imagine Housing Lunch & Learn on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM. This short lunch program offers an overview of our mission, programs, and goals. You'll meet other like-minded people, learn about affordable housing, and get more connected to the Eastside.

Register [here](#) to attend.



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