



## 25th Annual Imagine Gala & Auction: Thank You for Providing Safety, Stability, and Community



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our 25th Annual *Imagine* Gala & Auction by sponsoring, attending, donating items for the auction, volunteering, and bidding generously. We are excited to announce that you raised over \$500,000! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and provides much needed support for our goal of doubling the number of people we serve by 2022.

The highlight of the *Imagine* Gala is always the chance to hear from residents at Imagine Housing communities about the impact your support has for them. This year we are grateful to Mariel, a mother providing a safe home for her children; Mishka, a veteran who was able to overcome his addiction once he had a stable home; and Glen, a senior who is able to live comfortably in and help create a caring community on a fixed income, for sharing their stories. Watch the 2018 *Imagine* [video](#) to see how you are making a difference for your neighbors.

Speaking at the Gala, Mariel said, "you provided my family with stability, a wonderful community where we feel safe and valued . . . On behalf of all of us living in the communities you support, from the bottom of my heart I am beyond grateful."

Thank you for your support of Imagine Housing and your passion to provide affordable housing for those in need in East King County. Please mark your calendar for the 2019 Imagine Gala & Auction to be held on March 30, 2019 at the Meydenbauer Center.

## Upcoming: Lunch & Learn on May 3rd

Want to learn more about ways we can all help the vulnerable people in our communities? Join us for the next Imagine Housing Lunch & Learn on Thursday, May 3, 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.



## Upcoming: Affordable Housing Week is May 14-18

Join Imagine Housing and our partners at Attain Housing, Congregations for the Homeless, Lifewire, and The Sophia Way for *The Difference a Home Makes: A Dialogue about Homelessness and Housing on the Eastside* on Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 PM in Bellevue! Register to attend for free [here](#).

Bring a friend - this is a great chance to introduce people to affordable housing on the Eastside and to learn directly from people who are currently or have been homeless about why it is so important that we have affordable housing in our community.

Check out the Housing Development Consortium's [website](#) to find more information on Affordable Housing Week and to see the full schedule of countywide events as it is updated.

## Affordable Housing Week: Testify at Your City Council

We are looking for Eastside residents to testify in support of affordable housing at your City Councils. Affordable Housing Week is a county-wide local effort to promote affordable housing in our local communities through learning and advocacy. This is a great opportunity for to engage with your local government and show your support for affordable housing. If you've never testified at city council before, no problem! We will provide tips and talking points - your presence as a member of the community is the key element.

See the schedule of meetings and sign up [here](#); email [Kathryn](#) with any questions.

## Upcoming: GiveBIG for Affordable Housing on May 9th

Wednesday, May 9 is GiveBIG, a one-day online giving campaign to raise funds for local nonprofits, hosted by the Seattle Foundation. You can find Imagine Housing at the [GiveBIG Seattle](#) website. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000 - thank you for all your support of our mission!

This year, we ask that you consider giving big by giving monthly! A donation of any size made on a recurring basis creates a strong impact and sustains our operations as we build much-needed affordable housing and support more than 1,200 residents. To set up a monthly gift, visit our [website](#).



Ankrom Moisan Architects is dedicated to creating places where people and communities thrive. Successful affordable housing does exactly that, and we are proud to be a part of the recently completed Athene in partnership with Imagine Housing. Athene will provide much-needed homes for some of our area's most vulnerable seniors and families. We believe that by working together we can create stronger, more vibrant communities for all.

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