

# KITH

neighbors creating housing solutions

FALL 2010

## Mission

Guided by faith, we unite with families and individuals who are facing a homeless crisis and create safe and healthy communities.

## Vision

To assist individuals and families on the Eastside who are facing a homelessness crisis by providing housing and services to help families become stable and self-sufficient.

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### LEAVE A LEGACY

Contact KITH about how to bridge the gap for the homeless through the next generation.

## We're Thankful for Neighbors Like You!



KITH Executive Director Jan Dickerman with Volunteer of the Year Randy Schmidt

### KITH's 8th Annual Dinner Raises \$70,000 to Help Homeless

Delightful deals, dinner and dancing filled the agenda at KITH's 8th Annual Dinner and Auction presented by Synergy Construction, Inc. to further KITH's work assisting individuals and families who are facing homelessness to become self-sufficient. The evening was a joyful celebration of our clients' successes. Through the support of generous friends, KITH raised \$70,000 to fund our housing, case management, and other services in 2010 and 2011. What an amazing difference your help will make in the lives of homeless families and children!

At the event, KITH Board Member Randy Schmidt was honored as KITH 2010 Volunteer of the Year. Master of Ceremonies Jim Hutchinson accepted a Certificate of Appreciation for Puget Sound Energy Foundation for their \$1000 grant to support KITH programs. An anonymous donor matched gifts totaling the first \$10,000 in our Raise the Paddle. Because of that generous offer and a leading gift of \$5000 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, KITH's Raise the Paddle raised over \$26,000! Guests with employer charitable matching programs can increase the impact of their gift by completing company matching fund requests.

We're grateful to our local community and businesses who donated a wealth of gifts for our auction. Thanks to our Sponsors:

- **Presenting Sponsor** - Synergy Construction, Inc.
- **Silver Sponsors** - The Burnstead Co., Hilton Bellevue, Puget Sound Energy
- **Friend of KITH** - Puget Sound Bank
- **Table Sponsors** - Ford-Hyundai of Kirkland, Mike Connolly and Lynn Sanborn of Windermere Real Estate - Kirkland, Jim Lloyd, Ken Davidson, and Alex & Susan Sumeri
- **Other Sponsors** - Dynamic Designs Jewelry, EventSourceNW, Humanature Photography, Julia's Floral, The Grape Choice. Thanks also to Michael Carter of MBC Video.

We are also thankful for over thirty-five volunteers who helped the day of the event, with special help from AlaskaUSA Federal Credit Union and Celebrated Chefs.

You can help KITH all year just by going out for dinner! Enjoy delicious meals at great restaurants like Ruth's Chris, John Howie Steak, through Celebrated Chefs and 5% goes to KITH. Please contact [ChristineA@kithcares.org](mailto:ChristineA@kithcares.org) for details, or for those who signed up but did not pick up your cookbook on October 2nd.

We look forward to your continued support for KITH's work to help those facing a homelessness crisis to move towards self-sufficiency. Save the date for next year: October 8, 2011!



**Thank you to our presenting sponsor!**

# Letter from the *Director*

**K**ITH changes lives! Every day I am fortunate to see the tangible ways that we assist families in finding stability and self sufficiency. I also often meet people who tell me they were helped by KITH 10 years ago or 15 years ago, and how much that assistance meant to them during a difficult time in life.

What makes KITH unique? Our mission is to help homeless families through creating housing opportunities which in turn creates safe and healthy communities. Our resources go toward helping one family at a time. The KITH case managers are able to give much individual attention to each family so the outcome for the family is positive.

It's shocking that 60% of the homeless we serve are children under the age of 18 years. Those children are bright and beautiful, filled with enthusiasm for the future. KITH provides homes and services so that children will have that chance in life that they need to be stable and gain an education. We can see the transformation of the child as he/she settles into school and a much needed routine. Children become more confident and secure when they know where "home" is. It is every parent's hope that her child will have a good life. With just a small amount of help from KITH, through the generous support of friends like you, children are given a chance for a good life.

We still have work to do together. Last year, KITH turned away 1025 households because we did not have the resources to help those families. Please join with us in our quest to end homelessness in our community by helping KITH.



**Jan Dickerman**  
Executive Director

*Congratulations to Jan for receiving "Woman of the Year 2010" from Bellevue Business & Professional Women!*

## Salisbury Court Renovation Update



**A**fter several long months of renovation at Salisbury Court, we are proud to announce that the planned work is complete. With the help of many friends and supporters, we have successfully preserved twelve units of affordable housing for homeless and low income people! Necessary drainage work and replacement of the siding was completed so that the buildings will have another thirty years of life. The King County Housing and Community Development Program, the State Housing Trust Fund, Synergy Construction and the King County Weatherization Program partnered with KITH to make the improvements. All of the windows were replaced, and new insulation and energy-efficient interior and exterior lighting were installed, creating safer homes for KITH clients. We're proud of all the amazing volunteers from the LDS Church and Seattle Works and many other individuals who assisted Randy Schmidt, KITH Board member, in completing some of the work that was not done by Contractors.

KITH offers sincere appreciation to those who donated to "Moving Families Forward," a \$5000+ fund to help with some of the interior improvements at Salisbury Court. There are still opportunities to help with this process as we seek funds to replace the galvanized pipes in all three buildings. Pipe up and contact KITH if you can help provide updated plumbing for our families.

*Thank You!*

*KITH is grateful to the Windermere Foundation for their generous grant of \$30,000 to support KITH programs.*

### Annual Report 2009

We made an error in giving levels in our 2009 Annual Report.

Please note the following correction:

\$5,000 + Walt & Kathy Krueger

Thanks Walt & Kathy!

KITH is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of neighbors creating housing solutions. Since 1989, KITH has provided transitional housing, case management, and practical support for our clients, helping families in Kirkland and East King County move out of homelessness.

*About KITH*

*You can help! Visit:  
WWW.KITHCARES.ORG.*

We believe every family deserves the opportunity to live stable, self-sufficient lives. Our clients know KITH will assist them with practical needs and support them as they strive to achieve their goals, helping them step by step to independence. Through the ongoing generosity of our supporters and volunteers, KITH is able to stabilize families in housing, helping children to achieve their potential and break the cycle of poverty.

Homelessness is a huge problem on the Eastside. There are an estimated 9,000 homeless persons in King County. The Committee to End Homelessness estimates a need of 831 units of housing for homeless families by 2013, not including singles or youth. KITH's power to address the needs of the homeless lies in the dedicated commitment of KITH's board of directors, volunteers, charitable donors and staff. Because of the help of neighbors like you, we are filled with optimism and fueled by the knowledge that we're making a difference in people's lives and the quality of our community.

Charlotte and her daughter Ellie moved into KITH permanent supportive housing in 2005. During her stay at KITH housing, Charlotte has served KITH as the Resident Manager. She helps KITH and her case manager, Monica Lamb, with different jobs such as assisting in inspections, cleaning apartments when residents move out, and keeping track of all the resident keys.

While living at KITH, Charlotte has had a few different jobs, including house cleaning, waiting tables and a variety of temporary jobs. At times she's held all three jobs at once to make ends meet. She has been working hard for the last three years looking for a more permanent, better paying, more stable job with benefits. Charlotte and her case manager worked on resume

and cover letter writing, job searching on the web, and networking skills. At one point Charlotte received assistance from an employment case manager at Hopelink.

It took three years of searching and networking, but finally this September Charlotte landed a great job at Costco! She is working 32 hrs a week and will receive benefits in the next few months for herself and Ellie. Charlotte is so grateful and excited about her new job and all the possibilities for her career and future with Costco. In her own words, "I love my new job and that I have a place to go each day, it makes me feel good about myself."

Monica and all the staff at KITH are very excited for Charlotte and her daughter Ellie and their new life changing opportunity.

## Client Story

### Charlotte and Ellie

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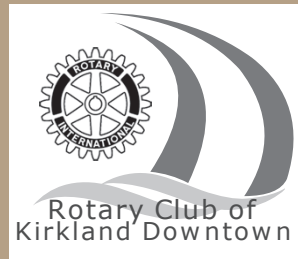
# Annual Dinner Snapshots



Top to bottom: Delicious desserts created by volunteers; auctioneer Patrick O'Brien and DJ/Host Troy McVicker; an excited reaction to winning an auction item; attendees bid on silent auction items

## Presenting Sponsor for 2011 7 Hills of Kirkland:

### The Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown



KITH is thankful for the support of strong community partners including all who make the 7 Hills of Kirkland "Cycling to End Homelessness" weekend a successful community event and fundraiser for KITH programs. In September, Sarah Taylor,

President of the Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown (RCKD) and Jenny Fey presented Jan Dickerman a check for \$10,000 from RCKD Foundation as Presenting Sponsor for 2011 7 Hills of Kirkland. KITH's largest fundraiser, the 7 Hills "Cycling to End Homelessness" weekend events raise \$100,000 each year, nearly 20% of KITH's annual operating budget.

The 2011 7 Hills Committee, chaired by Mary Lue Gutow, meets monthly to plan for May 30, 2011. Interested volunteers are welcome to join this fun committee.

Rotarians, KITH Board Members and Emeritus Board Members, Kiwanis of Kirkland leaders, and local cycling enthusiasts are some of the fun folks who accomplish amazing things for KITH each Memorial Day weekend.



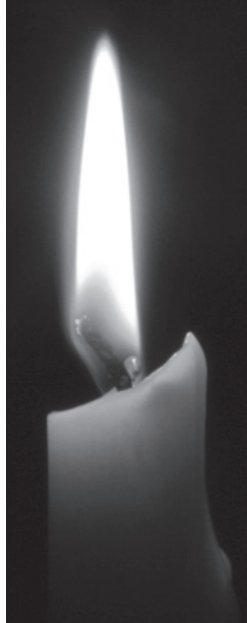
# Celebrate the Holidays with KITH

## Holiday Adopt-a-Family

KITH is currently seeking sponsors who would like to provide Holiday gifts for homeless and low income families. For more information please call 425-576-9531 x 101.

## Home for the Holidays with KITH

You're invited to join KITH on Monday, December 6 from 2-4 PM at our annual Holiday Open House at 125 State Street. See our newest video about KITH's work. Enjoy goodies and learn about KITH's latest programs to help the homeless. RSVP by December 3 at [www.kithcares.org](http://www.kithcares.org), call 425-576-9531 x104 or email [christinea@kithcares.org](mailto:christinea@kithcares.org).



## Light the Darkness

Winter 2010-2011 Home Parties to Help KITH Help the Homeless

*LIGHT THE DARKNESS is a community effort to help those facing the crisis of homelessness by raising awareness and funds at private home parties. From 11/24/10 – 1/09/11, caring neighbors host a friends and family party. Each host invites friends and family to make a difference for the homeless this winter holiday season with a donation to KITH at their party, and shares photos from their party when they turn in donations to KITH. Hosts of parties donating an average of \$100 per guest are invited to a special happy hour on Groundhog Day to celebrate and see pictures.*

*Make Your Holiday Party Life-Changing for the Homeless.*

*More Info: [www.kithcares.org](http://www.kithcares.org) or (425) 576-9531*



## KIN ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

November 13, 2010 • 10am - 4pm

St. John's Episcopal • 105 State Street, Kirkland

*KITH will be one of 17 organizations represented at this unique event. KITH will have special holiday cards available for sale at the KIN Fair, at KITH or online at [www.kithcares.org](http://www.kithcares.org) until December 9, or at the KITH Holiday Open House. Each card purchased (\$15) provides one bed-night (1 night in 1 bed for 1 person) to a homeless person.*

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**KITH LEADERSHIP**  
Jan Dickerman,  
Executive Director  
Susan Sumeri, President,  
Board of Directors

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
March 11, 2011  
Annual Luncheon

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