

KITH

neighbors creating housing solutions

WINTER 2011



Letter from the *Director*

ACCORDING TO DICTIONARY.COM, kith is a noun which means: "acquaintances, friends, neighbors, or the like; persons living in the same general locality and forming a more or less cohesive group." Locally, KITH is better known as the not-for-profit agency founded in 1989 (as Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing) with the mission to unite with individuals and families to confront homelessness and to build safe and healthy communities.

Over the past few years the economy has hit everyone hard. KITH's clients are no exception. We're seeing poverty and homelessness on a daily basis, and have been leveraging our resources and collaborating with other human services agencies to fill every need we can. Like any business, under the governance of a strong Board of Directors, KITH's team has worked diligently to stabilize, clarify priorities, and focus on the basics. We've been putting strong processes in place to make sure we are effective and our clients receive the optimal level of support and help with every dollar and every in-kind donation. KITH case managers work closely with each family as they pursue their unique individual goals which will move them toward the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.

This year KITH will continue focus on the core programs of the agency and begin to build a platform so we can take advantage of opportunities as the economy improves. Among our goals for 2011:

- Repair the siding at Petter Court I, a KITH transitional housing property (\$25,000).
- Secure funding to replace the plumbing at Salisbury Court (\$60,000).
- Increase the number and effective use of volunteers at every level.
- Continue to implement process improvement for specific activities that benefit homeless families.
- Develop a new evaluation tool to evaluate KITH programs and provide more meaningful program information for our donors and community.
- Expand the Life Coach program specifically in the areas of program support.
- Diversify and increase number of Board members.
- Continue to build on fundraising successes to generate funds to be used for potential expansion.

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Our community's help is needed now more than ever! As state and federal funding is reduced, cities, congregations, human services agencies, and all our neighbors must come together to prevent homelessness, help people transition rapidly from homelessness to housing, increase the efficiency of the existing system of housing and services, measure and report outcomes of programs, and build the political and public will to end homelessness.

Thanks to the support of our Kirkland and eastside friends and neighbors, you help create a safer, healthier community last year right here in our own neighborhood.

Jan Dickerman
Executive Director

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.

Community Serves 85 Families with Holiday Gifts



KITH is grateful for the outpouring of community support for its 2010 Holiday Adopt-a-Family program. With its community partners KITH served 85 families with holiday gifts this year. What a beautiful difference the generosity of our eastside neighbors has made for families in need this holiday season.

Among the list of neighbors supporting this program:

- Kirkland Preschool
- Carol Goldberg
- Lake Washington Christian Church
- Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club
- Kirkland Church of Jesus Christ
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- East West Book Club - Ann Priebe
- Kirkland Kiwanis
- Kiwanis Sunriser of Kirkland
- Lake Washington United Methodist Church
- India Arnold
- Eastlake Church
- Bucky Beaver Preschool
- Kim Henwood
- The Seattle Seahawks
- Keller Williams
- Journey church
- Jennifer Prinos
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Mars Hill
- Kirkland Congregational
- Weidner Property Group - Jolene Stallman
- Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown
- Holy Spirit Lutheran
- Evergreen Hospital 4 west
- Evergreen Cardiac Wellness Center
- Bobbi Hill
- Compassionate Friends
- Merrill Gardens
- Kirkland Downtown Association
- Kirkland Interfaith Network KIN Fair
- St. Louise Catholic Church, Bellevue
- Ford of Kirkland
- Bellevue Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Celebrating 2010 KITH Accomplishments

- In 2010, KITH served 42 households with housing and case management services.
- KITH provided 26,136 bednights in 2010.
- KITH case managers provided 2500 hours of case management for homeless families.
- Over 2500 nutritious meals served to homeless and low income people at Community Supper.
- Nine families moved out of transitional housing and eight moved to permanent housing (89% success rate).
- KITH preserved twelve units of affordable housing through a major renovation of Salisbury Court; approximately a \$383,000 project including new siding, electrical, plumbing, energy package including all new windows thanks to the contribution from KCHA's weatherization program.
- KITH created a Life Coach Program to assist those living in permanent supportive housing to increase income and access to economic opportunities, build assets and make gains toward economic independence.
- 172 households received holiday food and gifts.
- KITH added the position of a part time volunteer, Volunteer Coordinator.
- KITH Volunteers gave over 2500 hours to help KITH confront homelessness and build safe and healthy communities.
- The Bill Petter Award was created to acknowledge an individual for exceptional investment of time, talent and treasure to further KITH's work helping homeless families transition to stability and self-sufficiency.
- In 2010, KITH increased visibility and fundraising opportunities with its first annual Luncheon and the first Kirkland Street Scramble (put on by Meridian Geographics, KITH was charity partner).
- KITH has increased its virtual presence through the use of Facebook, LinkedIn, electronic newsletter, e-updates.

KITH Board Updates

KITH welcomes new board member **Lynn Sanborn**, Windermere Real Estate.

Special thanks to board emeriti **Jim Lloyd & Eric Synn**.

Salisbury Court Renovation Completed

KITH preserved twelve units of affordable housing through a major renovation of Salisbury Court, approximately a \$383,000 project including new siding, electrical, plumbing, and energy package including all new windows thanks to the contribution from KCHA's weatherization program.

Thank you to Synergy Construction for their excellent work on this project. A huge thanks to major funders the King County Home Repair Project, the Housing Trust Fund, and the King County Housing Authority Weatherization Program. Special thanks to KITH Board Member Randy Schmidt, who invested hours and hours overseeing this project. Thanks also to volunteer groups from Seattle Works and the LDS Church for your time and support for this renovation.

Thanks to the Kirkland Chamber for officiating our January 19, 2011 Ribbon Cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the renovation of Salisbury Court.

For over 20 years, KITH has provided transitional and longer-term housing, case management and practical support for families with children in East King County, helping them transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.
www.kithcares.org



(L to R) Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Vadino, KITH Board Member Emeritus Bill Petter, KITH Board members Joie Goodwin, Marlenna Pepler, and Randy Schmidt, King County Councilmember Jane Hague, Kirkland Mayor Joan McBride, Jan Dickerman, Nancy Fox, Board Members Susan Sumeri and Ron Olsen, Board Emeritus member Chris Fox, Kirkland Council Member Penny Sweet.

2011 7 Hills of Kirkland

KITH's Biggest Annual Fundraiser Happens on Memorial Day

Do you know anyone who made a new year's resolution to improve their fitness level? Please share the link to 7 Hills of Kirkland's web site, www.7hillskirkland.org. Registration is available for our annual Memorial Day ride, taking place May 30, 2011. With a choice of the original 40 mile route, a metric century, and a full century route, there are opportunities for every level of cyclist. All proceeds from this event fund KITH programs helping families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Thanks to presenting sponsor, Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown, and major sponsors Evergreen Healthcare and Kirkland Kiwanis for their support for 7 Hills 2011.



The 7 Hills 2011 Committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Last year over 90 volunteers made 7 Hills a fabulous event. Anyone interested in making a difference for our community and sharing the fun of planning and making 7 Hills great in 2011, please contact Mary Lue Gutow, KITH Board member and 7 Hills Committee Chair, MLGutow@comcast.net.



STAY UPDATED!
Visit us online at www.kithcares.org
Friend us on Facebook!

Mark your calendars!
KITH invites you to join us for our upcoming events:

March 11, 2011
"Fighting Homelessness" Luncheon

May 30, 2011
Seven Hills of Kirkland "Cycling to End Homelessness" events

October 1, 2011
9th Annual Dinner



FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS

2nd Annual Luncheon
to Benefit KITH

Friday, March 11, 2011
The Woodmark Hotel, Kirkland
12:00 – 1:15 PM



Featuring Keynote Speaker Bill Block

Project Director, Committee to End Homelessness,
a regional coalition hosted by King County

All proceeds support KITH programs helping homeless families become self-sufficient. Suggested minimum donation \$100. Register now to be a table captain! Seating is limited. Please call 425-576-9531 or visit our website at www.kithcares.org

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7 Hills of Kirkland

Presented by Rotary Club
of Kirkland Downtown

Memorial Day - May 30, 2011
Kirkland Marina Park



Cycling to End Homelessness

Proceeds support KITH
services for families in need

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Special thanks to our major sponsors



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