Join us for our Annual Celebration!

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, January 9th, 2013
from 7:00 PM– 8:30 PM

More info on the back!
From the Director:
The holidays are again upon us. For me, as for many of us, this is a time for family, food and reflection. Homestead’s program is now 10 years old and by the end of this year, we will have over 150 homes in trust and have provided more than 150 modest-income households a chance to own their first home. In this newsletter, we circle back with some of these owners to hear what owning a home has meant to them, their families and their communities.

As a believer in New Years resolutions, I can’t reflect on the past for long before I seek balance by looking forward. As I think back to our first home 10 years ago, I imagine how many more lives Homestead’s work will benefit in the coming 10 years and what the tremendous, cumulative impact will be.

One of my New Year’s resolutions is to boldly articulate what this success will look like. By 2022 there will be a total of 800 homes in trust and over 1,000 households having achieved their dreams to own their own homes. This will result in additional opportunities to build and strengthen relationships, pursue educational and professional dreams and share garden bounty. Neighbors will know each other, and fewer people will have to live in fear of losing their home to foreclosure. We will be a community strong, equitable and diverse. This is the vision Homestead is working towards, and we’re grateful to have your support on this journey.

Happy Holidays to you and your family from all of us here at Homestead. I hope that your vision of the future is as bright as ours is.

Sheldon Cooper, Executive Director

Homestead Receives $1,000,000 From State’s Share of the National Mortgage Settlement

This summer we were very pleased to learn Homestead had been awarded $1 million from the National Mortgage Settlement in support of our work to transform distressed properties into quality, affordable, owner-occupied homes across Seattle and parts of King County. This award will allow us to substantially expand our recently launched Homestead Rebuilding Communities initiative.

With the aid of this grant, we will be able to purchase and rehabilitate 30 additional homes over the next three years. That’s 30 more homeownership opportunities for modest-income families, in addition to the beneficial effect salvaging these derelict properties has on neighborhoods. We are grateful to the Attorney General’s Office for enabling us to serve more households and to increase our positive impact in the community.

Another $100,000 from Wells Fargo? Yes, please and thank you!

Homestead is grateful to have had such tremendous support from Wells Fargo and others to make our efforts such a success.

Welcome New Homestead Owners

AUGUST 2012
Jeff & Mary Blair Conor

SEPTEMBER 2012
Heather & Matteo Griffin
Melissa Harrell

October 2012
Bing Yi Chen Yu and Family

NOVEMBER 2012
Autumn Norwood

DECEMBER 2012
Paul and Noni Spitzenberger
Dan Moore

Sheldon Cooper gratefully accepts an oversized $100,000 check from Dwight Prevo, Wells’ VP of Community Relations, and Patrick Yalung, Wells’ Washington Regional President. Homestead is grateful to have had such tremendous support from Wells Fargo and others to make our efforts such a success.
To everyone who attended our Home Games Trivia Night Fundraiser. Thanks to you, we raised more than $32,000 in support of affordable homeownership. We hope to see you next year!

To the 30 volunteers from Seattle University’s MBA 510 class. Your work rehabilitating this West Seattle home is the first step toward offering another family permanently affordable homeownership.

To Tim Morley and his colleagues from Microsoft who volunteered on September 21st to get this South Beacon Hill home a few steps closer to being ready for its new family to move in.

To John and Herbie Meyer at the Northwest Outdoor Center for hosting the Christmas Caroling By Kayak, benefiting Homestead and other local organizations.

To Karen Johnson, Joelle Gruber and their wonderful Chase Bank colleagues for doing exceptionally efficient interior demolition, setting the stage for the future improvements yet to come to this home.

. . . and to all our homeowners, volunteers and donors. None of this would be possible without you.
Homestead Community Land Trust
412 Maynard Ave S, Suite #201
Seattle, WA 98104

Homestead’s Wish List — We Need . . .

- New building materials—especially deck building material – treated 2x4’s
- Flip video camera
- 10 short sleeve button down work shirts - Men’s XL
- Small, working home espresso machine
- Licensed Contractors to donate their time (electricians, plumbers, roofers, etc)
- Poster paints
- Children’s toy box
- Children’s toys
- Nice desk lamps
- Secure storage for building materials
- LCD projector

. . . and volunteers for our Annual Celebration
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Can you help fulfill some of Homestead’s wishes?
Contact Erika@HomesteadCLT.org or 206.323.1227 ext. 117

UPCOMING 2013 EVENTS

January 9th — Annual Homestead Celebration

Join us at the New Freeway Hall (5018 Rainier Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98118) on January 9th, 2013 from 7:00-8:30.

Help us celebrate another year of Homestead. Drinks and desserts, coloring and kids’ activities, meet your neighbors, Homestead homeowners and supporters, elect your Board of Directors—there’s something for everyone!

February 11th — Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day: A Call for Housing & Services

Join us and advocates from across the state in Olympia in February to meet with legislators and affect positive policy changes that will benefit us all. We’re coordinating transportation and there will be training offered so you’ll learn all you need to know to keep your elected officials representing you! More info can be found on our website HomesteadCLT.org.