

A COVID-19 Update

Since the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order went into effect, Imagine Housing has adjusted to how we provide resources and support to our residents in accordance with [public health guidelines](#).

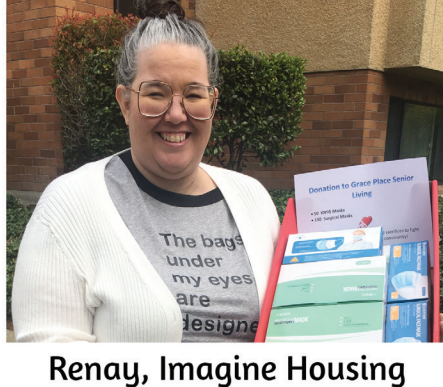
Even though we must keep more physical distance now, our commitment to support the 1,400 residents who call an Imagine Housing community home remains the same. After surveying our residents, the number one resource they needed was help with food.

In response, we amped up our food-service partnerships, including partnering with school districts for daily deliveries to support school-age children, providing meals for our most vulnerable seniors through community-based organizations, and distributing over 500 food boxes through Hopelink.

We’ve also received truly incredible community support. Over 170 new volunteers have signed up to support our residents since March! Volunteers like Dani, our first COVID-19 response volunteer who delivers food, help us meet critical needs so case managers can focus on their most vital work - connecting residents with additional resources to help them maintain stability. More households requested assistance last month, and our referrals to other agencies’ help and basic needs grew by almost 400%!

We want to thank our volunteers, our Eastside cities and community organizations who have stepped up to make a huge difference!

To see a full report on our response to COVID-19, [click here](#).



Renay, Imagine Housing Property Manager



Dani, COVID-19 Volunteer



Cassie, COVID-19 Volunteer

Welcoming Kirkland’s Newest Residents, Alex & Ana!

A True Success Story!

Imagine Housing’s mission is to develop affordable housing, build welcoming communities, and foster vibrant futures. A vibrant future is different for each individual, and we love to share their stories of success with you. Here is one you may already be familiar with.

Army veteran Alex and his fiancée Ana are so excited to be in their new apartment in Velocity.

You may remember Alex and Ana from the 2019 gala video. Alex spoke about being severely wounded during his second deployment to Iraq, which resulted in him spending 18 months in the hospital healing. While recovering, he was also coping with depression and financial uncertainty at home. After release from the hospital, he had no other option but to live out of his car, in a tent, and then later in a homeless shelter.

While seeking a place to live, he and his fiancée, Ana, found a home at Andrew’s Glen, an Imagine Housing community. Andrew’s Glen has transition apartments specifically reserved for veterans rebuilding their lives, with dedicated case managers on-site who are there to help the veteran work toward stability and health.

Now a successful graduate of Andrew’s Glen program, Alex and Ana have just moved to a permanent apartment at our beautiful Velocity community in Kirkland. They love the rooftop garden at Velocity and exploring the local Kirkland trails with their dogs and getting to know their new neighborhood.

Congratulations and welcome home, Alex & Ana! We are looking forward to your continued good future with Imagine Housing.



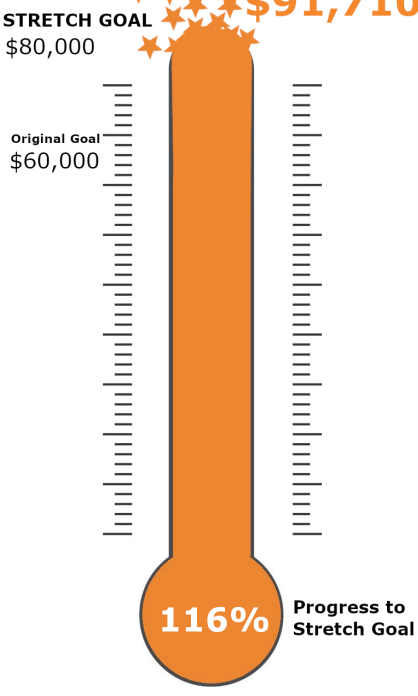
Thank you for Showing up “Sweatpants Formal” for the Imagine Virtual Auction

We want to thank everyone who shared, commented, forwarded, registered, and joined in our first-ever Imagine Virtual Auction!

Thanks to your support, we beat our goal and raised \$91,710!

Your donations and support are so appreciated and will help us to continue providing a permanent home and supportive services to our 1,400 families, seniors, veterans and formerly homeless individuals.

PS: We will be keeping the Fund a Need site open for donations until May 31st for anyone who might still want to join in the good work.



[Watch the Livestream Recording](#)

[Fund a Need](#)

Symetra Empowers Imagine Housing Resident Emergency Assistance Fund Program

When businesses and community members come together, great things happen. Symetra has been a supporter of Imagine Housing for years as an Imagine Gala sponsor and in donations to our Holiday Gift Campaign. Recently, Symetra released a new corporate strategy with a brand new unifying theme: Symetra Empowers.

We are honored to be a recipient of a Empower Housing grant for our new REAF program. The Resident Emergency Assistance Fund (REAF) will be the newest part of our comprehensive supportive services program, ensuring long-term household stability and success for our residents who may be experiencing a difficult situation that could strain their already tight budgets.

“Symetra is committed to the Eastside community we call home. We strive to do our part to ensure individuals and families in our community have safe, affordable places to live. Symetra is proud to support Imagine Housing residents achieve long-term financial stability through an emergency assistance fund that enables residents to have a safety net for unexpected emergency expenses and transportation for health care. Unexpected emergency expenses put our lowest income neighbors at risk for housing instability and homelessness.”

--Symetra Financial, Bellevue, WA



Are YOU a Symetra employee?

To celebrate the partnership and Symetra is providing a 3:1 match for donations from Symetra employees made to Imagine Housing starting in April throughout 2020.

Thank You for Your Leadership!

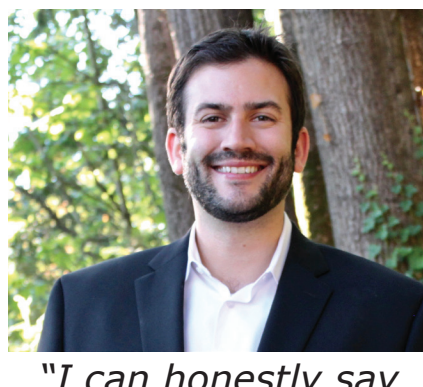
With heartfelt thanks and gratitude, we’d like to highlight Garrett Guiler for his dedication and service to the community during his nine years on the Imagine Housing Board of directors. Garrett still has a few months with us before his term ends, and we’d like you to know more about him.

Garrett is a Portfolio Manager at Microsoft, and first became involved with Imagine housing in 2010 when he met with Darcy Johnson, one of Imagine Housing’s founders, to talk about the volunteer activities he was doing with Boys and Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity. Darcy encouraged him to join Imagine Housing as a volunteer, and we are so very glad she did.

After leading our Asset Management committee and serving on the Executive Committee, Garrett’s most recent two years at Imagine were spent as Board Chair where he led the organization during its most rapid period of expansion. He says that he hopes his impact at Imagine Housing shows the value that every passionate person involved in the organization brings to the agency.

When he is not volunteering or working, Garrett spends quiet time with his beautiful wife Joanna, and two young sons Anderson and Charlie.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



“I can honestly say that I am a more rounded community volunteer, empathetic person/father/husband, and built upon some amazing leadership skills that I apply daily at work. There are so many fantastic people that taught me so much during my time with Imagine Housing.”

--Garrett

Raise money for Imagine Housing whenever you shop at Amazon!



Save the Date!



Oct 3: Join us in your best party attire for the Imagine Gala & Auction at the Meydenbauer Center.

Advocate



Imagine Housing has joined with partners in signing onto key housing legislation, and CARES Act Investments toward homelessness.

Show your support by completing an action alert!

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