



TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY
**AFFORDABLE
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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2008

Affordable Housing Breakfast Forum ***Workforce Housing – New Strategies***

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2008
Time: 8 to 9:30 am
Location: Catholic Community Services – Great Room
1323 South Yakima Avenue – Tacoma
Parking: Available in parking lot behind building
Cost: Free – *Public Welcome!*

***Speakers will discuss the need for Affordable Housing for Working People
& New Strategies for Development***

David Graybill – Chamber of Commerce
Catherine Rudolph – TPCAR
Tony To – Homesight
Connie Brown – AHC

Please RSVP: connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org or 253.627.0949

HOUSING WASHINGTON 2008 – September 15-16 – in Tacoma!

Mark your calendar to join colleagues to forge Progressive Partnerships — Sustainable Solutions at the leading conference presenting the best regional and national experts on affordable housing: Housing Washington!

Registration: <http://www.wshfc.org/conf/Registration.htm>

KWA Receives International Award

The Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) selected the Korean Women's Association (KWA) to receive its **14th Overseas Compatriots Award in the category of social services**, and held the award ceremony at the KBS-TV Public Hall in Korea on the 5th of March 2008. Out of seven million ethnic Koreans abroad, the KBS Overseas Compatriots Award is presented to spur on and unearth those overseas Koreans who contribute to the promotion of human social welfare and cultural development. The KWA Board of Directors flew to Korea to accept the 14th KBS Overseas Compatriots Award in March 2007. Board Members Chong Dameron and Kyong Arbeen accepted this prestigious award on behalf of the Board and KWA.

ABHOW to develop affordable housing in Salishan

American Baptist Homes of the West is pleased to be part of Tacoma Housing Authorities' Salishan HOPE VI redevelopment project. ABHOW plans to respond to HUD's 2008 Super NOFA this spring with a 202 funding application. The proposed project is a 54-unit three-story independent living affordable housing building. All of the apartments will be one bedroom except for the live-in site managers unit, which will be a two bedroom apartment. The units will be available for qualified seniors of low and moderate income levels.

ABHOW's' proposed building would meet the State of Washington's Evergreen Standards which is in step with how the Tacoma Housing Authority envisions the Salishan Redevelopment project. To learn more about Washington's' Evergreen Standards you can visit www.cted.wa.gov/site/1027/default.aspx.

Shared Housing Services sets new records in 2007

Services Provided: Twenty families (including 55 children) were provided affordable housing and programming services to access needed services and address identified needs. Of 514 homesharing matches set up in 2007, 173 were for homeless people, 94 became employed as a result of matching, and 47 single parents were matched. The cost per person to set up a match was \$76. There were 1,086 people involved in matches. 3,826 unduplicated clients were served, including referral/match to home share, referrals for services, alternative housing solutions, household goods, clothing, food, etc.

Case managers worked with each family on budgeting, securing GEDs, job training, and obtaining work. Currently SHS has two parents enrolled at TCC and a single mom at Clover Park Vocational College. Another mother has received her certification as a pharmacy tech through on the job training. Referrals to other community agencies provided rental/utility assistance, emergency shelters, household furnishings, and clothing/food banks.

AHC CALENDAR: General Meetings - PUBLIC WELCOME!

JUNE-11-2008 8:30-10 AM QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING - 1323 S Yakima, Tacoma

WORK FORCE HOUSING - NEW STRATEGIES

SEPTEMBER-10-2008 4 PM QUARTERLY MEETING – KWA

LOCAL CANDIDATE FORUM

DEC-10-2008 8:30-10 AM QUARTERLY BREAKFAST MEETING - 1323 S Yakima, Tacoma

POLITICAL HORIZON FOR HOUSING

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Wrapping Up The 2008 State Legislative Session: A Watershed Year for Housing & Homelessness

In what will likely be remembered as a year of exponential growth, both in resources and recognition, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance emerged from the 2008 legislative session with a remarkable collection of successes, and a clear roadmap for future advocacy.

The Alliance's Lead Agenda Priority	Final Status
<p><i>\$100 Million For the Housing Trust Fund:</i> The Alliance sought \$100 million in new resources in order to make real progress on the development backlog and set a new bar for housing funding.</p>	<p><i>\$70 million in new funding!</i> <i>We go into the 2009 session with the Housing Trust Fund at \$200 million.</i> How the funding Breaks down: -\$50 million for the Housing Trust Fund (set asides: \$10 million for flood prone areas, \$2 million for on-farm housing, \$250,000 for the City of Burien, \$100,000 for cost-reduction studies) -\$10 million for the Rapid Response Land Acquisition Program -\$10 million for the Nonprofit Equity fund.</p>
<p><i>Invest in the Washington Families Fund</i></p>	<p><i>\$6 million for the Washington Families Fund!</i></p>
<p><i>Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Low Income Housing Construction</i></p>	<p>Though a broad coalition, from local government to builders and Realtors, came together around the bill, we were not able to advance beyond the House Finance Committee.</p>
<p><i>Prioritize Housing Affordability In State Infrastructure Funding</i></p>	<p>The broad coalition working to support this bill nearly achieved success, but faltered in final negotiations.</p>
<p><i>Provide Incentives To Preserve Manufactured Housing (HB 1621)</i></p>	<p><i>Success!</i> A victory that will hopefully slow the loss of manufactured housing communities.</p>
<p><i>End Source of Income Discrimination (HB 1956)</i></p>	<p>Though the bill advanced further than it ever has, it finally died in the Senate.</p>
<p><i>Ensure Fair Zoning for Affordable Housing Development (HB 2279)</i></p>	<p><i>Success!</i> A new victory for affordable housing developers.</p>
<p><i>Homeownership Counseling Funding</i></p>	<p><i>Success!</i> The legislature provided a variety of new resources to counsel homeowners and to help them prevent foreclosure.</p>
