

➔ Affordable Housing Consortium 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Public Forum

The **new** Nativity House

**Invite your colleagues, friends!**

June 12, noon-1:30, 1323 South Yakima Av, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tacoma

# THE *New* NATIVITY HOUSE



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES  
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON



## NO ONE SETS OUT TO BE HOMELESS

No one chooses the chaos, uncertainty and danger of living on the streets. No one chooses moving from one bed to the next.

Some of our neighbors end up living on the streets for reasons as simple as losing a job, or as complex as chronic mental illness, addiction, or domestic violence. There is no generic "homeless person," just as there is no generic approach to end homelessness.

At Catholic Community Services we believe that everyone deserves a pathway out of homelessness. The *new* Nativity House is that path.

## HOSPITALITY, HOUSING AND HOPE

-  To relocate our three essential homeless programs: Nativity House, Hospitality Kitchen and Tacoma Avenue Shelter, to a new, single-site multi-service facility resulting in improved access and care.
-  To tailor a personalized and integrated response with each homeless guest to achieve the greatest impact and outcome.
-  To add 50 units of permanent, stable housing for those who are chronically homeless.
-  To focus enhanced resources including case management, mental health and addiction counseling, job skills training, wellness promotion, and financial literacy education to those moving from chronic homelessness into stable housing.

## ➔ Letter to Editor: Great communication to your legislator also

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – TNT 06-06-2013

### **BUDGET: Put people ahead of tax loopholes**

The state budget is vitally important to our neighbors who are struggling to find affordable housing, a good-paying job, affordable health care and nutritious food. Thousands of Pierce County families would fall farther through the cracks if not for our safety net.

Budgets are about values; they are a reflection of our priorities. The House budget puts children and communities first; the Senate budget keeps costly tax loopholes open at the expense of the most vulnerable. We can't protect special-interest tax breaks while cutting access to essential services for children and families.

Many families in our community and across the state struggle to obtain basic essentials. For them, every dollar or can of food truly makes a difference.

Your neighbor or family member might be a food bank client, but too embarrassed to tell anyone. They might choose between purchasing food, paying a medical bill or their mortgage or rent. Everyone needs help sometimes, but asking for help isn't easy.

People from all walks of life — seniors, children, volunteers, veterans, the working poor, individuals with disabilities and families — are struggling just to make ends meet. Budgets are about people and impact the lives of the citizens and communities of this state.

We urge our legislators to help rebuild the health of our communities by placing the priority on the thousands of children and families in Washington rather than protecting tax loopholes.

***BETH ELLIOTT Tacoma (Elliott is the advocacy chair of the Pierce County Human Services Coalition.)***

**This is a great way to communicate to the public and to your legislators!!**

## ➔ National builder buys 143 Salishan lots for \$5M

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/24/v-lite/2609815/national-builder-buys-143-salishan.html>



The poster features a dark blue header with the text "Excellence in Affordable Housing AWARDS CELEBRATION" in white. Below the header is a collage of puzzle pieces in various colors (green, purple, red, white) containing photos of diverse people, including children, adults, and families. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the "TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSORTIUM" with a stylized house icon. A green banner on the left side of the puzzle pieces contains the event details: "October 23 5-7 pm at Annie Wright School". At the bottom, a red banner contains the text: "No cost to attend. You will be given an opportunity to support our work at the event. RSVP by email: [event@tpcahc.org](mailto:event@tpcahc.org)". A small green arrow points to the right in the bottom left corner.

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→ CCS Breaks ground for The **new** Nativity House – TNT 06-06-2013

[http://www.thenewtribune.com/2013/06/06/2627163/tacoma-catholic-agency-breaks.html#emlnl=Local\\_News](http://www.thenewtribune.com/2013/06/06/2627163/tacoma-catholic-agency-breaks.html#emlnl=Local_News)

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## → Free screening of **AMERICAN WINTER** on June 18

You are invited to a special free screening of the new documentary, **AMERICAN WINTER**, on **Tuesday, June 18, 6:30–9:00pm** at [SIFF Cinema Uptown](#) in Seattle.

Get tickets [here!](#)

Directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmakers Joe and Harry Gantz (*Taxicab Confessions*, *The Defenders*), [AMERICAN WINTER](#) follows the personal stories of eight families struggling in the wake of the economic downturn. Shot over the winter of 2011-12 in Portland, Ore., this powerful film reveals the human impact of budget cuts to social services, rising poverty and economic inequality, and the fracturing of the American Dream.

Co-director **Joe Gantz** is the special guest. Following the film, local experts will talk about how these themes are relevant to our community.

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## → **WLIHA** seeks Development Director

Link to job announcement: <http://wliha.org/jobs>

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