



Passing of a True Champion

It is with great sadness that we share the news that former HDC executive director Harry Hoffman passed away. He was away from home with family at the time of his death. We extend our sympathy to Wendy and the children for their loss.

Harry quietly and valiantly staved off the challenge of cancer and kept up his relentless social justice and advocacy work, encouraging all of us at every meeting and fundraiser he could attend. His passion and caring for individuals and the community were clear, and demonstrated the real values of a selfless man who understood the interdependence of us all.

Harry assumed the leadership role at HDC after the retirement of its founder, Carla Okigwe. With an unprecedented recession billowing, he adeptly led HDC to become a strong voice for and supporter of the affordable housing sector in King County. His continual efforts to make his home neighborhood a thriving community, and his leadership on affordable housing and homelessness issues statewide, inspire each of us.

“Harry was a tireless workhorse,” notes his friend Marty Kooistra. “He listened genuinely, engaged respectfully and cared deeply...and never retreated into a place of defeat. His legacy is assured.”

A memorial service has been tentatively planned for August 23rd. We will confirm the details of this service as soon as we are able. HDC will also be honoring Harry’s legacy in a special and enduring way, and will keep you informed.

In the meantime, we encourage you to do what Harry would want all of us to do: focus on solving the problems and changing the systems that keep so many from enjoying the richness of true community.

→ Affordable Housing, Household Stability – Enterprise Community Partners

State of the Nation's Housing

At last count, the nation’s 11.5 million extremely low-income renters were forced to compete for just 3.2 million affordable apartments, according to [The State of the Nation’s Housing 2014](#) from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies.

One in four renter households pays more than half their income on rent. Another 610,000 people are homeless. To afford a typical two-bedroom apartment, people earning minimum wage would need to work 104 hours a week. A new Enterprise report, [Impact of Affordable Housing on Families and Communities](#), collects these & other powerful facts. Together, the data tell the story of America’s housing insecurity crisis. The report is available for downloading on the [Enterprise Resource Center](#), an online library of affordable housing tools and resources.

→ 2015 Guidebook to Affordable Housing in Pierce County coming soon! Update your info!

→ **The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)** ← [click to open](#)

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department intends this to be a “living” document, reflecting the needs of the community. This version is a thorough and rather technical document; the intention is to prepare a more streamlined and simplified version for the community to consider. TPCHD would like to schedule 4 – 6 meetings to meet with groups of community residents to talk about the CHIP and have some informal dialogue.

If your organization will be meeting between July 26 and Aug 29th and would be willing to include this as a part of the agenda, contact Karen Meyer, Community Liaison Specialist, (253) 798-4581 • kmeyer@tpchd.org. Plan 60 – 90 minutes for presentation and discussion. We’ll review the “big picture” of the CHIP and then have some time with questions, such as:

- Going forward, is there anything we should consider adding, in terms of most important and relevant goals?
- How do you see possible collaboration? Are there areas you might be willing to take on?
- Are there other considerations we should think about?

TPCHD believes it is important to share the CHIP with the community before moving into action planning.

→ **Tacoma Residents of All Ages Invited to Attend Community Visioning Event at Convention Center on July 30**

Featuring a youth summit and a kids’ play area – because you’re never too young to get involved and be engaged in the civic process – “Tacoma 2025” is a community visioning event for anyone and everyone interested in sharing their ideas for how Tacoma could grow over the next decade.

There is no charge to attend or participate in any part of the event, which will take place at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center (1500 Broadway in Tacoma) on Wednesday, July 30, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and light refreshments will be served while attendees check in and mingle with one another. Event parking will also be available at no charge in any of the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center’s garages.

"Anyone who cares deeply about Tacoma's future should make every effort to participate in the Tacoma 2025 community visioning workshop on July 30," said Steering Committee Member Kent Roberts, from the Foundation for Tacoma Students. "It will be a great opportunity to make your voice heard. You will help shape the vision for Tacoma's future and identify the steps needed to achieve it."

Public input has been pivotal to the “Tacoma 2025” strategic planning process, and the information gathered throughout the “Tacoma 2025” strategic planning process will result in a citywide strategic plan which will outline steps to achieve a shared community vision for Tacoma’s future. It will also help inform decision making regarding the City’s resource allocations to ensure that funding is available to actualize community priorities identified in the plan.

The “Tacoma 2025” Plan will focus on seven key areas:

- Public health and safety
- Quality of life and livability
- Economic vibrancy
- Culture, arts and recreation
- Educational opportunity and attainment
- Government performance
- Infrastructure, mobility and environmental sustainability

→ The Fund for Women & Girls 2015 grant application now available!

Grant applications are now open. Please review [grant guidelines](#) before applying.

- Agencies new to the FFW&G *must complete a phone interview* in order for their application to be considered.
- Applications are due by *Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm. No late applications will be accepted.*
- Notification of funding will be made in mid-January, 2015.
- *Please note: only online applications will be accepted!*
- Access the [online grant application](#) today!

Questions? Contact Vanessa Lanza, Coordinator, Fund for Women & Girls at 253.383.5622 or email vlanza@gtcf.org

→ City of Lakewood Funding

City of Lakewood 2015 funding application materials are now available on the City's homepage www.cityoflakewood.us. Please review the materials and come with application preparation questions next Wednesday, July 23 @ 3:00 at Lakewood City Council Chambers, 6000 Main Street SW. Applications are due Monday, August 18 before 5:00 pm.

→ Beacon Development Group one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2014

After 15 successful years of working with excellent non-profits and public housing authorities across Washington State, Beacon was honored to be recognized by *Seattle Business* magazine as one of the [100 Best Companies to Work For 2014](#).

Beacon President Paul Purcell says, "I am fortunate to have a great team here at Beacon and this honor is really a celebration of them and the high quality services we are able to provide as a result.

"We are not only blessed to work with great clients, but also with partners like you – public and elected officials, funders, lenders, general contractors, architects and consultants, among others! In order to better serve our clients and partners, we have just launched a [new website](#) to allow for more intuitive access to our staff and services. As you well know, there remains a great deal of work to be done to create the quality housing that low-income households deserve. We are fortunate to be doing this work together, with you. On behalf of the entire Beacon team, thank you for 15 great years! We look forward to working with you for many more into the future."

→ Tacoma Planning Commission filling 3 positions

The City Council is seeking applicants for three vacant positions on the Planning Commission, representing Council District No. 1, "Public Transportation, and "Development Community." Interested and qualified citizens are encouraged to apply by July 23, 2014. For more information, please visit <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=4810>.

→ Washington State tracks national trends in fewer foreclosures – TNT 07-08-2014

Washington State saw 2,572 fewer completed foreclosures in the year ending in May, compared to the same time a year before. The state's foreclosure inventory – the number of homes in some stage of foreclosure – amounted to 1.6 percent of all mortgaged property, according to data released Tuesday by data analytics firm CoreLogic. That's 0.6 percent fewer than the same time a year ago. The national foreclosure inventory is 1.7 percent, a 0.9 percent decrease from the previous one-year period.

"Significant gains have been made in the last year to reduce the foreclosure stock," said Mark Fleming, chief economist for CoreLogic, in a news release. The improvements have been made mostly in states that allow foreclosure without being processed through a court, like Washington. So-called judicial foreclosure states have a deeper backlog. Since the financial crisis began in September 2008, about 5 million homes across the country have

been foreclosed, CoreLogic reports.

➔ **PC Community Connections & CDC seek input on down payment assistance program**

On August 7, 2014, Pierce County, Department of Community Connections, & the Pierce County Community Development Corporation (CDC) will host a meeting to get input from the real estate and mortgage lending community in Pierce County on possible changes to the County's down payment assistance program. As you all know the market has changed over the last couple of years. The County & the CDC want to make changes as needed to allow low-income first time buyers to be competitive in the current housing market. We will solicit input on potential changes to the program.

The meeting will be held from 9am to 11am at the Pierce County Community Connections offices located at 1305 Tacoma Avenue, Suite 104, Tacoma, WA 98402 in Conference Room C. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by replying to Bryan Schmid bschmid@co.pierce.wa.us. The room can hold 20 to 25 people so those that reply earliest will get priority if we need to limit attendance. Feel free to forward this email to any Realtors or Lenders that may be interested in attending.

➔ **Reminder on the New HUD 9902 Form and HCS Changes**

Starting on October 01, 2014, (FY2015) all agencies conducting counseling and/or educational workshops will submit their quarterly performance reports using the new HUD-9902 form. Also, all agencies that were awarded a HUD Grant for Housing Counseling will submit their projections on a new system enhancement directly in HUD's Housing Counseling System (HCS). Agencies must notify their Client Management System (CMS) developers of this requirement immediately to allow them sufficient time to make necessary changes. CMS developers should refer to [HUD's CMS Developers Web Page](#) for guidance and resources to assist in their modifications to be in compliance. Out ARM tech team has sent several announcements to all registered CMS developers as well.

Training and Guidance on the New 9902 Form and HCS System Changes: Announcements for training and notices on the new 9902 performance reports and the new Projection feature in HCS will start throughout the summer. These sessions will prepare agencies in using the new forms and processes. All Housing Counseling Agencies are encouraged to attend these sessions and read all notices for guidance. Please watch this listserv for future training announcements.

Any questions or comments should be sent to your assigned HUD Point of contact (POC) or email housing.counseling@hud.gov.

➔ **Learn How Faith Based Non-profit Agencies Can Participate in HUD's Housing Counseling Program – Webinar 07-31**

This webinar will provide basic information about HUD's Housing Counseling Program for faith based nonprofit agencies. Please join us for this unique opportunity for on-line interaction with HUD presenters. You will be able to ask questions about HUD's Housing Counseling Program such as: What is a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency? What kind of services do they provide to help people? Should my organization become a HUD approved housing counseling agency and what are the eligibility requirements? How can we find a local HUD Approved housing counseling agency? And much more!

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Space is limited. [Reserve your Webinar seat now](#) . After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

➔ **Investor Demand Fuels LIHTC Market** – Affordable Housing Finance 06-28

High prices and big competition are making the LIHTC market look like it did before the recession, according to a panel of equity experts. [Read More](#)

➔ **ACES and Responding to Complex Trauma**

August 11, 2014, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Puget Sound ESD - 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057

Responding to Complex Trauma (ACEs) using the Attachment, Self-regulation and Competency (ARC) Framework This interactive workshop will focus on brain science, an overview of the Adverse Childhood Experience Study, and practical strategies for responding to children & youth impacted by trauma. You will learn how to use attachment practices, manage attunement, teach self-regulation to enhance executive function and increase a positive classroom/program climate.

Objectives

- Define complex trauma (Adverse Childhood Experience Study overview)
- Understand impacts of complex trauma
- Identify 10 building blocks of the attachment, self-regulation and competency model
- Implement 4 of the 10 building blocks of the attachment, self-regulation and competency model

Costs: Individuals \$125; teams of 4 or more \$100 per participant

Register: contact Teri Hebert at thebert@psed.org



➔ **CHANGE A LIFE IN ONE NIGHT.** FRI/SAT AUG 22/23 Puyallup's Meridian Habitat Park

One Night In A Car is a unique opportunity to taste the reality lived by hundreds of kids across eastern Pierce County – and the means to change it. *More than an experience, One*

Night will directly impact kids' lives in the context of community. Partner organizations have assembled a one-of-a-kind time thought-provoking simulation of family poverty with a twist. You can expect an amazing night as young people and families from across the community gather to pool resources, sleeping bags and coffee in hand!

What will we do? Participants will eat a typical meal from a local food bank, hear honestly and interact with front-line staff working with families and those who have experienced homelessness first hand, then spend the night sleeping in their car (or a tent if they so choose). This is no camping trip - participants will limit the resources they bring along to make the experience as true to life as possible. On Saturday morning, One Nighters will wake to an amazing pancake breakfast to celebrate the experience together and say goodbye to new friends.

How does this impact kids? We figured out what it costs to provide the keys that kids and families need to escape homelessness in our community. For \$350, Helping Hand House can provide an essential 6 weeks of mentoring, education and employment assistance in our Accountable Housing program - practical tools for a family with children to escape poverty in the context of a safe home.

One Night is like a charity 5k with no running involved. Participants gather pledges ahead of time (\$350 for individuals/\$500 for a family) from friends and family to change the lives of real people. We make this part easy! Our team will help with messages and eye-opening stats you can use - just copy or repost them on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the hashtag #onenightinacar. Your friends can respond and support you immediately online to help you reach your goal. Then spend the night experiencing the reality faced by hundreds of kids across our communities as they eat from the local food bank and sleep in the car. **How Do I Get Involved?** BE THERE: If you haven't done so already, you can reserve your spot as a One-Nighter right now at www.onenightinacar.org. You don't want to miss this! There is a minimal ticket/registration fee for the event, which covers the cost of your t-shirt, food, and renting space for the event (paid at [registration via Eventbrite](#)).

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT (STEP 1)

MAKE THE IMPACT: One-Nighter's raise or contribute at least \$350 (or \$500 as a family) from friends, family, classmates, or colleagues to end homelessness for a family here in eastern Pierce County. The funds raised go directly to serving kids in the Accountable Housing program - a transparent and high-impact opportunity to change a kid's life right away. The best way to do so? Keep reading...

USE YOUR INFLUENCE: Set up your very own One-Nighter page and collect donations towards your goal using the full power of your social media influence for good. Many of the folks you're connected to care about the same things you do - so engage them and change real lives. **Click on the "Become A One Nighter" button, register with your Facebook account, upload a photo, share why this matters to you, and get it going!**

BECOME A ONE NIGHTER (STEP 2)

What is Helping Hand House? Families come to Helping Hand House to escape homelessness forever. With 40+ homes spread across eastern Pierce County, Helping Hand House is a catalyst to living-wage employment, financial security, and education for the whole family. Together with friends like you, we are ending poverty for families with children in our community. Learn more at helpinghandhouse.org or at facebook.com/helpinghandhouse.

Register now to get started creating your impact with kids in our community. We look forward to seeing you at One Night In A Car! As always, feel free to get in touch ([email me at impact@helpinghandhouse.org](mailto:impact@helpinghandhouse.org)) with any questions or feedback as we work together to end homelessness for kids and families in Pierce County.

Thank you again for all you do, and see you this August!
Duke Paulson, Executive Director, Helping Hand House #onenightinacar

→ Housing-related Job Openings

Catholic Community Services: http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=hr_careers
Mental Health Professional – Homeless Adult Services
Case Manager – Guadalupe Vista, Tacoma

→ Congratulations to Sharon Lee [LIHI] & Kristin Pula [HomeSight]

NeighborWorks America is pleased to announce the seventh class of the *NeighborWorks® Achieving Excellence™ Program*. The incoming class will start on October 12 at Harvard’s Kennedy School and includes leaders from 19 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Opening the application process to even more leaders that are working to benefit their communities means that there are also leaders from organizations that work on health and wellness, energy, serving people with disabilities, a YWCA and a conservation group. For the first time, we also have an international participant—coming to us via IHP (International Housing Partnership), the CEO of a very large housing organization in London will also be a part of AE7. Attached is a list of the new class of Achieving Excellence and, as always, there is a list of graduates and current participants via a link from nw.org/ae called “[List of Program Graduates and Current Participants \[PDF\]](#)”.