



The Alliance of Eastside Agencies' (AEA) mission is to build healthy communities in East King County through a strong human services network by providing a strong voice for Eastside health and human services and by promoting organizational excellence among providers.

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2014 HUMAN SERVICES AWARD WINNERS:

Business of the Year: Small Threads for Kids; Elected Official: Jane Hague, KC Council; Faith Organization: Cascade Covenant Church; Not-for-Profit Staff: Karina Woodruff; Volunteer of the Year: Mabel Graham; Youth Volunteer: Alaina Blyth; Legacy Award: Sharon Anderson; Outstanding Eastside Philanthropist Award: Bill Henningsgaard; Community Impact Award: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett.

AEA eNews

Our monthly member newsletter – November 2014

AEA News!

It's almost that time of year again. Watch for an email soon about renewing your AEA membership. Thanks so much for supporting AEA.

Featured Member Agency of the Month

➤ **YWCA Family Village Redmond**

Time-limited housing and support services to help homeless families regain stability.

The YWCA Family Village Redmond Transitional Housing serves homeless families with children who are at or below 30% area median income. All referrals are from King County's Centralized Coordinated Assessment System. During 2013 they served 92 individuals: 37 adults and 55 children. Providing housing on the Eastside is more of a challenge than other parts of the county. The high cost of housing, limited low income housing and shortage of jobs providing livable wages impact the ability of families to succeed. YWCA continues to maintain a high outcome of success—86% of the families that exited in 2013 moved into permanent housing.

The program serves a population with multiple barriers and families have traditionally stayed the entire 18 months to remove as many of those barriers as possible while having support from onsite case managers. Upon entry, each adult completes a Self Sufficiency Service Plan. Clients begin searching for permanent housing once their

immediate needs for their family have been met. The YWCA has permanent housing locations and staff works closely between sites to make every effort to place families in their own properties when possible. Onsite resources include; trainings, resident meetings, support and networking opportunities, community events and parenting workshops. They have a year round vegetable garden, Working Wardrobe clothing for women and men, mental health counselling and legal clinic. They also provide transportation assistance with bus tickets, Orca cards and gas vouchers when available.

While parents are provided with individualized, strength based case management their children can attend the Early Learning Center and Head Start program that serves ages 1 – 5 years. Their Goal is to provide a safe, balanced, anti-bias, multi-cultural, physical and intellectual environment with low adult-to-child ratios, educated, experienced and professional caregivers and continuous parent education. The staff works closely with child development coordinators and the school district to help meet the needs of children with disabilities.

January 1, 2015 the program is welcoming two YWCA Employment Specialists to be a part of the team who will be on site to provide Employment and Training Program referrals, assist individuals with job search, training and job placement. Job Club meetings are held every other week and are open to the community as well as residents. The YWCA's positive outcomes have been consistent over time. They plan to meet or exceed their continued success of exiting families moving to permanent housing with new skills of self-sufficiency and the confidence to be an active part of their community.

Member News

➤ Eastside Winter Shelters

Winter shelters are scheduled to open November 15. Depending on funding availability, shelters will serve homeless individuals from the community through April 15, 2015. Last year, over 700 men, women, and children had a warm place to stay.

Eastside Winter Shelter for Men - Operated by Congregations for the Homeless

Former International Paper site
1899 120th Avenue NE, Bellevue

Eastside Winter Shelter for Women and Children - Operated by Catholic Community

Services in partnership with Sophia Way
St. Peter's Church, 17222 NE 8th Street, Bellevue
November 15, 2014 - January 31, 2015

Redmond United Methodist Church

16540 NE 80th Street
February 1, 2015 - April 15, 2015

Partner News

➤ **EHSF's Annual Meeting**

Help shape the Forum's 2015 Work Plan. December 4, 2-4 p.m.; Peter Kirk C.C., Kirkland. Click here [to register](#).

➤ **United Way's Volunteer Impact Partnership**

Seeking Human Services Organizations with:

1. Untapped potential in their ability to deliver services through the strategic use of volunteers
2. The drive to expand their capacity and better engage volunteers in the delivery of their work

Is your organization ready to take your volunteer engagement efforts to new heights in 2015?

United Way of King County, in partnership with 501 Commons, is offering TWO initiatives to help your organization make the most of your volunteer program.

United Way of King County's two [Volunteer Impact Partnership](#) (VIP) programs increase organizational capacity to more effectively meet your mission through recruiting, engaging and retaining high-value volunteers. In the past 5 years, [115 local human services organizations](#) have seen the benefits of enhancing their volunteer efforts through our **VIP 360** and **VIP Manager Corps** programs. With more volunteers, more effective processes, better retention rates and strategic placement of skilled volunteers, organizations are better poised to fulfill their mission in the most cost effective way.

[United Way VIP 360](#): helps your organization create a fundamental shift in the way you engage volunteers and a solid roadmap for improving your volunteer services through:

- Two skilled consultants to lead your organization through a 360 degree assessment of your volunteer program and to facilitate your planning process
- Training, tools and resources that help you put your plan in to action
- Peer discussions for volunteer managers and leaders
- Opportunity to apply for consulting support to implement your plan
- Support valued at more than \$15,000.

[United Way VIP Manager Corps](#): **A temporary boost in volunteer program staffing so that you can strategically grow your volunteer programs. Key benefits:**

- A pro-bono Volunteer Manager for 10 hours/week for either 4 months or 8 months depending on which offering you select, focused on creating basic tools and processes to engage volunteers
- Volunteer management training and resources for staff

Interested in learning more? Read the links above for further information and don't delay. Space is limited for both programs. Call United Way to schedule a brief **screening call by Dec. 22, 2014**. Program applications must be received by Dec. 31, 2014.

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➤ ***Thanks for reading our newsletter. Watch for us next month.***

- **AEA Board of Directors**