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Shelter, safety, dignity and
compassion for women



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A community of women
moving out of homelessness

Newsletter February 2007

'Tis the Season for Thanks, From Our Home to Yours

The Holiday Season can be a time of reflection, a time to celebrate those things in our lives for which we are grateful. This holiday season at Noel House Programs and Rose of Lima House was more than the clients and staff could ever have asked for; abundant with kindness, compassion, generosity, and the making of very special memories.

At Noel House, we started with a festive Thanksgiving brunch prepared by volunteers. We also hosted an impressive dinner of turkey, gravy, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, stuffing, and plenty of pumpkin pie for over 250 women. A team of 26 volunteers, serving an accumulated 80 hours, made the dinner a great success.

Over 50 different groups (churches, schools, offices, clubs and friends) contributed to the success of our December holiday celebrations by either collecting gifts for the women, donating food for our special brunch and dinners, or volunteering their



time. We assembled gift bags of hats, scarves, mittens, socks, undergarments, umbrellas, purses, journals, wrist watches, candy, phone cards and gift cards. Our volunteer Santa Claus passed these gifts out to each woman. The women expressed their gratitude by giving Santa hugs and even some kisses on the cheek. The evening was rounded off by a spectacular dinner and more delicious desserts. Overall, our holiday season was magical – only made possible by the support of our friends.

Many wonderful gifts were also bestowed upon Rose House, making the holidays especially warm. The holiday spirit flowed throughout Rose House as residents decorated, making the house as festive as possible—a real winter wonderland! Staff got together and made a wonderful meal for the residents, and laughter rang throughout the house.

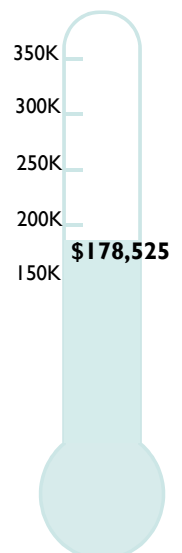
From all of us at Partners in Hope, thank you to our many friends who organized blanket drives, cooked dinners, wrapped gifts, served food, baked cookies, donated gifts, decorated the shelter, supplied food and otherwise donated your time and energy. We truly appreciate the warmth you have brought to Noel House and Rose House women at such a special time of year.

Your Gifts Make A Difference –Thank You

Noel House had a bang-up year with the sale of our holiday celebration cards. We sold a total of 1,597 cards, which helped raise over \$15,500. This will provide over **TWO WEEKS** of shelter for the 92 women that Noel House Programs serves at our staff and volunteer run shelters! Thank you all for helping to make this possible.

Noel House would like to thank all those donors who answered the call sent out through our December appeal letter. It is heartening to see how much everyone cares about the women served by our programs. Currently, we have collected over \$11,600. This will give the 92 women at Noel House Programs shelters another week and a half of safe and comfortable accommodation.

Thank you all for everything you have done for our community in 2006. You have helped make the lives of women overcoming homelessness safer and their futures brighter.





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Inauguration of Parke Studios: Noel House Programs newest, 15-unit housing program

Noel House Programs is excited to announce a new supportive housing program designed to serve women who are chronically homeless. Parke Studios offers 15 affordable, permanent apartments to clients using Noel House Programs' services. Designed as a "housing first" model, Parke Studios promotes the idea that when a person is stable in housing she is better able to address obstacles in her life. Parke Studios is a collaboration of three agencies: Noel House Programs, Josephinum Apartment Building (both are part of the Archdiocesan Housing Authority), and Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC). Funding for this program is provided by the state of Washington and King County.

Parke Studios works to house clients who may have difficulty navigating a complex web of services or who are not eligible for other housing programs. An Outreach Specialist at Noel House identifies women who may be interested in moving into Parke Studios. The Josephinum management has set aside 15 units in their building specifically for this program and offers tours to potential new tenants. In an effort to serve hardest-to-house clients, the Josephinum reviews applicants for the Parke Studios on a case-by-case basis and is willing to accept clients with poor rental history, bad credit, or other issues that may disqualify her from other housing options. When a client is accepted as a tenant in Parke Studios, she continues to engage with the Outreach Specialist in addition to receiving on-site intensive case management services from DESC. This continuum of support—from shelter bed to housing unit and beyond—will give the newly-housed Parke Studio residents the opportunity to stay connected with familiar people, readjust to independent living, and develop a sense of stability and wellness important to sustaining a healthy home .

Volunteer! To learn about volunteer opportunities contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (206) 956-9366 ext. 2.

* most needed

Noel House Wish List

Kitchen Supplies:

- Coffee creamer
- Plastic utensils*
- Hot/cold cups (8oz.)*
- Paper plates*
- Napkins
- Jam and jelly*
- Paper towels*
- Sugar
- Salt and pepper*
- Regular coffee
- Cereal/oatmeal

Shelter Supplies:

- Laundry soap
- Lysol spray
- 33 gallon trash bags
- Toilet paper*
- Black ink pens
- Printer paper
- Twin size sheets
- Blankets*
- Mattress covers
- Batteries (AAA-D)

Personal Items:

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Tums
- Cough drops
- Cold/flu medicine *
- Advil and ibuprophen*
- Socks (new)
- Earplugs*
- Depends*
- Deodorant*
- Underwear (new)

Call our Services Coordinator at 206-441-3210 ext. 200 for the latest and most urgent needs!

Rose House Wish List

"Kitchen-in-a-box" kits
When women move into their own homes they often need kitchenware. These can be purchased at BIGLOTS! Visit www.biglots.com for store locations.

Can you help get a woman started out on her own? Please let us know! 206-441-1200

Join our Rapid Response Team. Receive email alerts of our most urgent needs. Email RRT@noelhouse.org