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## A Heartfelt Farewell and A Warm Welcome

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Thank you Gillian!

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### Friends of Noel House Programs,

With equal parts excitement and sadness, I'm sharing news of my departure as Director of Noel House Programs. My excitement stems from staying on board at AHA, as I move into the Director role at Sacred Heart Shelter effective August 2006! My sadness is in saying good-bye to cherished friends, supporters, and residents of Noel House Programs.

My 10 years at Noel House have truly been a joy, offering me countless opportunities for meaningful professional and personal growth. I have appreciated working with such inspiring women, loyal community friends, and dedicated colleagues. Thank you for the guidance, knowledge and encouragement you all have generously shared during my time at Noel House Programs.

I will miss Noel House, but leave with cherished memories to keep this amazing community ever close to my heart. As I move into a new and challenging phase of my career, my thoughts and gratitude will remain with all of you.

With profound thanks,  
Gillian Parke

P.S. Read on for wonderful developments in new leadership at Noel House Programs!

### Q&A with Eileen McComb,

Noel House Program's  
incoming Director



Welcome Eileen

### Why Noel House Programs?

The mission drew me here three years ago. Building community in a shelter setting by creating an

environment that promotes dignity and respect is powerful and empowering. The mission is realized by clients, staff and volunteers at three different program sites, 365 days of the year—it's an honor to be part of this incredible community.

**What personal qualities are you excited to share to the women, staff and program?** My passion for advocacy. As a service provider, Noel House Programs is in the unique position to demand safe shelter for every woman on the street while also fighting for safe, decent, barrier-free housing to help the women we serve transcend their homeless situations. The opportunities for staff, clients and volunteers to advocate around these issues are tremendous. We saw what happened when we rallied around St. Mark's

after the city funding cuts—many postcards, phone calls, and shelter tours later, funding was reinstated. We have the potential to make great things happen for the women using our services. Our collective voice is strong.

**Call (206) 441-3210 extension 201 to congratulate Eileen on her new role at Noel**

### Meet Eileen McComb

Along with her three years at Noel House Programs as an advocate and supervisor Eileen McComb has more than 12 years of experience in a variety of social service programs. She lived in a Catholic Worker community, worked for several housing programs and has excellent knowledge of resources from her time at the Crisis Clinic. Eileen's diverse experiences make her well prepared for her new role as Director. "I am very excited about this new path for Noel House and I am confident that Eileen is the one to keep Noel House Programs moving forward in a positive way."

-Gillian Parke, Director





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**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2006 from 5:30 'til 9:00 p.m.**

Rose of Lima House PRESENTS...

## **SALMON AT SUNSET 2006**



Our annual benefit for Rose of Lima House will feature a rooftop garden & grill, appetizers, a silent auction with lots of wonderful items, and optional dinner at Flying Fish. For more information or if you would like to donate an auction item please contact the Development Office at 206-956-9366 or [cronan@noelhouse.org](mailto:cronan@noelhouse.org).

Take a sneak peek at some **great** auction items:

- ◆ Airline Tickets
- ◆ Zoo Parent Animal Adoption
- ◆ Gift Certificates to Five-Star Restaurants
- ◆ Designer apparel and outdoor wear
- ◆ Interior/Exterior Design Consultation

**Look for your invitation in the mail soon. We'd love for you to join us.**

\* most needed

### ***Noel House Wish List***

#### **Kitchen Supplies:**

Coffee creamer\*  
 Plastic utensils  
 Hot/cold cups (8oz.)  
 Cereal bowls  
 Napkins  
 Food warmer\*  
 Tea  
 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  
 Floor fans\*

#### **Personal Items:**

Shampoo/Conditioner  
 Tums  
 Cough drops  
 Cold/flu medicine \*  
 Advil  
 Socks (new)\*  
 Earplugs\*  
 Makeup (new)  
 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](http://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](mailto:RRT@noelhouse.org)**