



New Futures

## Hispanic Commission Award

This July, New Futures earned a Certificate of Appreciation from the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs for our impact on the Latino community. The award commended New Futures "for creating programs and helping Latino families and children to make their dreams come true in the area of education to benefit the Mexican-American and Latino community." Executive Director Roxanne Hood Lyons accepted the honor at a public meeting at Burien's Performing Arts Center.

48% of the people New Futures serves are Latino, 30% African American, 12% Caucasian, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2% Native American, and 5% multi-ethnic. Our programs bridge ethnic gaps by cultivating natural leaders and strengthening neighborhoods' intrinsic social capital.



## New Futures for Teen Leaders

Advocating for youth at the state capitol. Preparing for college and a career. Participating with adults as a valued member of the community. Getting involved with a program that believes teens can really make a difference.

Our emergent youth program offers exciting opportunities for at-risk teens to take leadership roles. At the Vintage Park site, the teen council recently volunteered at a nearby homeless shelter. At the Juanita, teens mediated a forum where families met and discussed concerns with the apartment manager and building owner.

New Futures serves youth through a variety of ongoing meetings and events. Like all programs at New Futures, the youth program relies on the wisdom of participants to know their own dreams and needs. *Continued on Page 3*

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## Getting a Real Childhood

When you live in one of the county's lowest-income, highest-crime apartment complexes, the summer is bleak. With parents working extra hours just to meet basic needs and no money for child care, it's easy to get left behind or left taking care of younger siblings.

In the New Futures summer program, about 120 children lived the summer of their dreams. At each site, they enjoyed 4 days a week of art projects, science activities, and outdoor games. At the Juanita, Freehold Theater Co. offered a series of introductory drama workshops. Vintage Park children made stepping stones to decorate the community garden that they helped build, plant, and harvest. At Windsor Heights, a nutrition class presented new foods and healthy eating.

Regular field trips took children to places they might not otherwise go because of transportation and admission fees, such as Golden Gardens, EMP, Camp Long, and Mariners games. All children in the complexes were offered free lunch daily, whether in our program or not.

At New Futures, our crucial summer program inspired at-risk children to create, think, play, and dream.

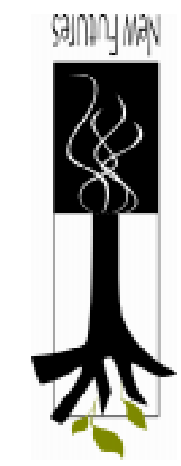


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## Our Mission

Every child is born into a family with dreams for a future overflowing with possibilities. It is their gift and their right. When poverty and injustice put that gift at risk, we all lose a piece of our future.

New Futures helps children, families and communities create the lives of their dreams.

## This Is a Family Story

Recent immigrants from Guatemala, the Roa Family came to New Futures for simple one-time assistance with a job application. Several weeks later, the father returned to our Family Advocate in crisis. His daughter was in the emergency room and he didn't know how to get there. The Advocate drove to the hospital and had Mr. Roa follow her so that he could learn to drive the route on his own.

The girl was diagnosed with leukemia. Our Advocate helped create a support system for the family. She set up a meeting with the elementary school, which resulted in a home school tutor for the child, regular visits from the counselor, and community volunteers to drive the family to and from the hospital when needed.

Now, the Roa Family has begun to give back. Even with the stresses of their child's sickness, they join their neighbors at community meetings twice a month.

M Y L O O K A T T H E F U T U R E

We believe that families know what their children need to succeed, and that it's our job (and privilege!) to support them in reaching for their dreams. To accomplish that, we listen to unheard voices - people who are on the margins of society because they live in poverty, don't speak English, or lack opportunities.

Recently the Northwest Area Foundation asked us to survey silenced communities to ask what they believe are the most effective ways to eradicate poverty. We've received many requests to hear more about that opportunity. In less than two months we contacted 150 people through a grassroots network led by community leaders living in the apartment complexes where we work. Rather than tell these leaders how to conduct outreach, we asked them how it should be done. And they knew.

Language, access to healthcare and jobs were voiced as major barriers to improving life in the communities. Youth of color identified racism, violence and poor education as significant concerns. I encourage you to read the entire report on our website.

We can learn what perpetuates poverty from the people who are most impacted by it, and what we can do to end it so people can live the lives of their dreams.

For the children,

Executive Director



Construction began at our fourth site at the Cones Apartments in White Center! Look for a special Cones edition of New Times coming soon.



Profile

Events Introduce Friends to New Futures

Thank you to all friends who hosted, attended, and donated to New Futures house parties this summer!

Supporters of New Futures often throw events to introduce their friends to our work. Usually held at home, these informal "house parties" engage new supporters in helping South King County's most at-risk children and families.

Ben and Chariti McIndoe held a successful house party in June, and Board members Chase Franklin and Whitney Williams organized a shared house party in July. In August, Roxanne Hood Lyons and Jar Lyons hosted an event at Homa Oriental Rugs in Pioneer Square, generously catered by Epicurean Adventures Catering and Hogue Wineries. These events included New Futures staff speakers and a screening of our short video documentary (viewable on our website at [www.newfutures.us](http://www.newfutures.us)).

Some supporters design events for New Futures in their own style. Kathy Perkins, a longtime friend of the organization, recently held a party idea show and auction at her gift store, Tukwila Impress. Local businesses Monette Flowers and Olympic Coffee partnered to create an inspiring evening to benefit the vulnerable families served by New Futures.

If you would like to host a New Futures house party or have ideas for an event, please contact Ken Mundt at (206) 248-9647.

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Supporters new this quarter appear in gray.

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Teen councils meet to discuss community issues of importance to youth, and then create a plan of action to address the issues through community projects and volunteer work.

Youth at the Juanita site led an extensive Community Beautification Day that included mural painting, graffiti clean-up, and flower planting. Over 30 younger children helped by picking up garbage. The teens provided breakfast and lunch for all volunteers, and community members assisted with food preparation. The day ended with an ice cream social for families and neighbors.

Through New Futures, teens develop relationships with each other, their families, and the community. As we engage teens with positive activities, we build a cohesive group of future community leaders.

N E W S A N D N O T E S



This summer, the families we serve enjoyed a day of fishing, barbecue, and farm life at Brian Gerneroy's Nirvana Ranch.

Mr. Gerneroy earned a Golden Deed Award nomination from Highline Exchange Club for his service to New Futures.

M-Bar-C Ranch welcomed New Futures children to two days of authentic western play this June.

Construction began at our upcoming site in White Center's Cones Apartments. Get ready for a grand opening party in 2004!



O P P O R T U N I T I E S

Volunteer

Lend your skills and time to support vulnerable children and families. Various one-time and ongoing positions available from tutoring to carpentry to technical support.

Visit Our Website

Check out [www.newfutures.us](http://www.newfutures.us) to read about the research behind our work. Come back for new content each month, including our latest success stories and press releases.

Make a Gift

Your tax deductible contribution benefits our holistic programs. Look for online giving on our website soon!

Designate Workplace Donations

Direct your gift to New Futures in United Way's 2003 workplace giving campaign this fall. Tell your colleagues the incredible impact your gift has on the lives of children.

Throw a Party

Let us help you organize an enjoyable event in your home to introduce your friends to our work.

For more information on these and other ways to get involved in our work, contact Director of Development Ken Mundt at (206) 248-9647 or [kenm@newfutures.us](mailto:kenm@newfutures.us).

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Please contact Ken Mundt at [kenm@newfutures.us](mailto:kenm@newfutures.us) if you have suggestions about how we can thank you more effectively. After all, "One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind." Thank you.