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Partnering with families to create communities where children thrive.

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Our Mission

New Futures partners with families to create communities where children thrive.

Our integrated, culturally relevant programs in low-income apartment complexes build skills, foster connectedness, and promote strengths.

This Is a Child's Story

Third grader Javier was failing in reading and, as a result of his boredom and frustration, misbehaving in class. His teacher recommended him for enrollment in New Futures After School Program. New Futures staff worked closely with Javier's school to review his reading assessments, understand why he was failing, and build a plan for his future success. One-on-one time with tutors helped Javier build skills in key areas. As he began to master reading, Javier's confidence soared, and he became excited, not only about improving his reading, but also about learning the habits that would help him be a good student in general. At the end of the school year, Javier's teacher recognized his progress by awarding him "Most Improved" in his class.

Exploring Microsoft

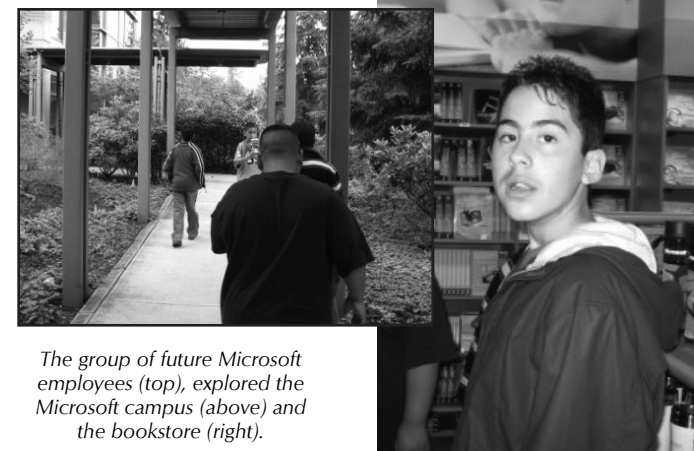


When our middle school students were recently asked what they might want to be when they grow up, one boy knew for certain: "I want to work with computers." So we took a group of middle

school students from Burien across the lake to visit one of the Northwest's preeminent computer companies - Microsoft. Many of the kids we serve wouldn't imagine a career there. But after the visit, they enthusiastically proclaimed that they want to work for Microsoft.

The kids explored the Microsoft computer center, where they worked with computers hands-on and played X-box. At the Microsoft store, they checked out all of Microsoft's products, and left with souvenir t-shirts and pens. They toured the campus and offices. Finally, a bilingual Latino employee joined the kids - all of whom speak Spanish as a first language - for a pizza lunch. The kids asked him questions about what it was like working at Microsoft, and how they could work there. "Focus on math," he said, "and go to college."

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The group of future Microsoft employees (top), explored the Microsoft campus (above) and the bookstore (right).

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Leaving a legacy

For Peggy Anne Hume education was paramount. After growing up in the Pacific Northwest, Peggy graduated from the University of Puget Sound, where she earned degrees in Art and Education. As a career public school teacher in Tacoma, Peggy brought her passion for justice - which she told us she learned from her father - to her teaching. An avid traveler and reader, Peggy's passion for learning was evident in all areas of her life. When Peggy learned about New Futures, our holistic programs resonated with her, and **she became a regular supporter of our work.** Peggy's desire to see that our educational programs for children living in low-income apartment complexes continue for years to come inspired her to leave New Futures a generous bequest. We celebrate Peggy for her generosity and commitment to education.

The children and families that we serve will benefit from the legacy of Peggy Anne Hume. If you want to join Peggy to ensure our future viability and strength, consider leaving New Futures a bequest. For more information about bequests and other planned giving, please contact Sarah Schieron, Development Director, at 206-248-9647 or sarahs@newfutures.us.

NEW BEGINNINGS

September for me will always be a time of new notebooks and new beginnings. At New Futures, it's also an exciting time of gearing up for the year ahead, preparing kids and families to be ready to make this their best year yet. With the help of many of you, we've been handing out school supplies and backpacks, and we'll soon start working with teachers to select our after school program participants for the year to come.



Executive Director
Ruth E. Dickey

We've also been dreaming big dreams about New Futures' future. Our Board will gather with our staff leadership this fall to dream together about the organization's future. We have a long wish list, from a new site we will open in the fall of 2008, to a new website to better tell our story, to exploring new directions in how we can support children and families to be ready to succeed when they begin kindergarten. We'll keep you posted as our plans develop in the months to come. But we're already hard at work, talking with the police, the King County Housing Authority, the schools and community leaders about community needs and the best location for our new site.

As a new school year begins, each student starts the year with the hope that this year will be filled with learning, friends and success. It's our job, and our great honor, to work with kids and their parents throughout the year to help ensure these hopes become realities. Thank you to all of you who help to make this wonderful work possible – may your autumn also be filled with new beginnings, and we look forward to continuing to share what the school year brings.

See you in the school supply aisle,

Ruth E. Dickey

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Executive Director



David and Cathy Habib

THE HABIBS

Volunteer Profile

David and Cathy Habib give to New Futures expertise, financial support, and countless hours. David has built a database to track our program's results, helping us improve programs and share our results.

This year David and Cathy served on the committee that selected three youth participants to receive scholarships. Their deep understanding of the way New Futures works with youth and families was very moving for the other participants.

David reflects, "Reading the applications for the scholarship awards, really showed...how caring support from agencies like New Futures can help lead these kids to better futures."

We celebrate David and Kathy for their commitment to better futures for children, youth, and families!

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Experiences like this help children dream about the possibilities for their future. But while some kids might have access to an incredible array of possibilities, others don't.

That's why New Futures holistic, strengths-based work is so important. Being told to study math and go to college means more when connected to goals and inspiration. A trip to Microsoft might seem like a little thing, but it gave our staff a chance to talk to the kids about what it would take to achieve a dream of working at Microsoft. Suddenly, reading, math, and school are a means to an exciting end.

Tomorrow, after a trip to a Puget Sound beach, the kids might decide they want to be marine biologists. Children dream, and change their minds, but there is no substitute for inspiration.

NEWS AND NOTES



Thanks to Medina Foundation for supporting our programs, like Summer Program, allowing kids to keep academic gains made, and also enjoy summer fun with field trips like a hike to Twin Falls.



At Arbor Heights, kids in Summer Program designed and held their own Carnival, complete with face painting, ring tossing, and pie throwing.



This summer, we once again partnered with Starfire Sports Camps, who gave many New Futures kids soccer camp scholarships and held a free baseball clinic that our kids loved. Thank you, Starfire, for letting our kids play with you.

PROGRAM UPDATES

After School and Youth Programs

In October, one hundred and fifty children across three sites will begin a new year of our literacy-focused After School Program. Seventy-five middle and high-school-aged students will begin Youth Program, where they receive homework help and can be in a safe, empowering space.

ELL Classes


Our popular English Language Learner (ELL) class, given in partnership with Highline Community College, began again in early September at our SeaTac site. We also began offering these ELL classes at our Burien site.

Adult Spanish Classes

Purepecha is an indigenous group from Mexico, who speak a language often called Tarasco. For the members of the large Purepecha population at Vintage Park who attend our Spanish classes, learning Spanish is a way to connect to the greater Latino community.

"ABCs of New Futures" Tours

Experience our programs first-hand! Meet kids, tour the space, and hear from our dedicated staff. Join us at 3:30pm on Wed. 10/17 or 11/14, for our ABCs of New Futures site tour. Contact Sarah Schieron at 206-248-9647 or sarahs@newfutures.us for more info.



ReachOut

Training for Respect, Relevance, and Results

ReachOut uses the proven results of over a decade of New Futures' work to share best practices and concrete strategies for parent/community involvement and cultural competency.

We are proud to announce a change in approach and a few of our long-term partners:

Increasing Impact: ReachOut has made a shift from one-time training to more long-term services. Through ongoing (year-long) work we are better able to support the implementation of strategies, and truly impact services for kids and families.

Sustainability Partners: ReachOut is currently engaged in ongoing work with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Highline School District, Burlington-Edison School District, the City of Seattle, and New Beginnings.