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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

Karina's husband beat her regularly, but she finally had the strength to divorce him. A recent immigrant from Russia to White Center, Karina spoke very little English and wasn't sure how to get a divorce in the US.

New Futures helped Karina file for divorce – but she didn't have money to move out of her husband's apartment right away. She had to choose between risking another beating or taking her children to live on the street.

Just days later, Karina's husband hit her brutally, and the police took him to jail. The court ruled that he couldn't see her for two years. She was relieved that she and her children would be safe now, but she worried about paying rent and bills on her own. Would her family end up on the street after all?

New Futures helped Karina register for English language classes near her apartment, find a good job, and get approved for lower rent. With support from New Futures, Karina created a new life for herself and her children.



New Partnership Supports Innovation

Since our founding more than a decade ago, New Futures has relied heavily on partnerships to serve children and families with the best possible programs. We team up with other nonprofits to bring their expertise into our sites, and we receive financial support from all levels of government.

Recently, New Futures was honored to establish a partnership with the Federal Government when we were awarded \$317,000 as part of the Labor and Health and Human Services appropriation from the Department of Education, Office of Innovation in Education. The sponsor for that appropriation was Congressman Adam Smith, who represents District 9 in the U.S House of Representatives.

Congressman Smith is a longtime supporter of New Futures. "Our children are our future, and it's important that we provide them with the resources they need to succeed,"

Smith said. "New Futures is a strong partner in working

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Longtime supporter, Congressman Adam Smith (left); children thrive at New Futures with his support

New Office for New Futures

Thanks to generous in-kind donations from FedEx, Wells Fargo, and Washington Partners, we moved our main office to a new space with minimal out-of-pocket expenses.

Our phones, email, and mailing address remain the same. Only our physical address has changed to 630 SW 149th St., Burien, WA 98166.

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Remarkable Results

New Futures partners with families in King County's toughest apartment complexes. Together, we turn one apartment into a family center where neighbors help each other thrive.

New Futures and residents evaluate programs yearly to make sure they respond to families' needs. Our latest results show long-term success:

- 85% of residents talk more with neighbors
- **8 of 10 families feel more able to meet basic needs, like food and clothes**
- 66% of children who were failing school read at or above grade level at the end of the year, compared to only 25% in the beginning
- 80% of parents get more involved with their child's schoolwork
- 83% of residents attend more community events
- **More than half of residents volunteer more in their community**
- 84% of residents feel that people in their neighborhood care more about them

When families partner with New Futures, they learn not only how to thrive – but also how to help their children, friends, and neighbors thrive, too.

N E W B E G I N N I N G S

Pablo Neruda once wrote, "I want to do with you what spring does with the cherry tree." Though he was writing about love, I've been thinking about his words a lot lately and how they relate to generosity. Having the opportunity to be generous allows all of us to feel like the cherry trees around us currently look – filled with color and life and light.



Executive Director
Ruth E. Dickey

Since I came to New Futures 9 months ago, I have been awed and inspired by the families we work with, and by the generosity of so many individuals and organizations who make our ongoing work possible. Our many committed partners provide a wide range of services at our sites. Our dedicated volunteers spend afternoons reading to children, teaching piano, or helping us with our database and outcomes tracking. Our generous supporters put their trust in our organization and make our work possible. So many of you have been generous with your time, wisdom and insight in making our organization stronger and more effective.

Over the next 6 months, we'll be embarking on a strategic planning process with our Board, staff, communities and key partners to dream about our next 3-5 years. This should be an exciting time, and I look forward to speaking with many of you through this process. If you have ideas or suggestions for us, please let me know.

Spring is a time of year that always leaves me humbled and hopeful. As we watch the blossoms all around, those of us here at New Futures get to watch children blossoming into talented scholars and families achieving their dreams. And as we prepare to dream together about the next steps for our organization, please know that we are so grateful for all of you who make our work possible. Together, we can create a world where every child and family has a chance to dream, and where we each have a chance to feel like cherry trees in spring.

M O R E N O F A M I L Y

Volunteer Profile

Just blocks from SeaTac Airport, the vibrant immigrant community living at Windsor Heights Apartments speaks more than 50 languages.

The Moreno Family has generously volunteered to help their Windsor Heights neighbors for years. Mom Lupe, dad Carlos, and oldest daughter Damaris connect us to many new families who might not otherwise explore programs at New Futures.

13-year-old Damaris keeps an eye on younger kids during community programs and interprets for neighbors who speak little English. Dad Carlos often stops by the New Futures site to give us new ideas and insight on how to best reach others in the community. Mom Lupe helps us build neighborhood networks of residents that support one another.

We celebrate the Moreno Family for helping children and families thrive at Windsor Heights!

The Moreno Family helps at SeaTac complex



All my best,

Ruth E. Dickey
Executive Director

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with our children and helping them achieve their full potential."

This investment will allow us to double the number of children served at Vintage Park, pilot an intensive program for at-risk kindergarteners, and expand our work with teens, many of whom grew up in our programs. Finally, we will enhance our training program, ReachOut, leveraging our lessons learned in over 10 years of work to help hundreds of school staff and service providers be more effective in multi-cultural environments.

We are only able to make a difference in families' lives because of the generosity and commitment of our partners. We are very grateful to Congressman Smith for putting his trust in us. We know that he, and all our partners, depend on us to put their dreams for opportunities for children and families into action.

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



Children in our programs got warm coats this winter thanks to a donation from AllCredit Motors (top).



ReachOut, our training venture, has been invited to present at several national conferences (middle). To learn more about our cultural competency or community involvement trainings, please visit www.reachout.us.



Thanks to Thomas Soukakos, who hosted an event for New Futures donors at Vios, his popular Greek eatery on Capitol Hill (below).

P R O G R A M U P D A T E S

Want to know more about our holistic programs for children, families, and the community? Check out our website at www.newfutures.us for site info, family stories, donation opportunities, and volunteer openings!

African Women's Group

Attendance grows with each event, and members recently came together to make blankets for their children.

Youth Program

Vintage Park staff gather each teen, their parents, and their teachers to talk one-on-one about how to help teens thrive.

Family Time

More than 40 parents and kids created recycled castles at Arbor Heights while they got to know their neighbors.

After-School Program

In December, teen tutors prepared a feast for children at Windsor Heights to celebrate young students' successes.

Latino Parent & Community Meetings

At the last Windsor Heights meeting, some residents volunteered to prepare food to share, some suggested neighborhood event ideas, and others offered to set up and run upcoming activities at New Futures.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

When 16th century playwright John Heywood penned those words he probably wasn't thinking about our new Development Committee, or was he? To help us raise money from a broader array of sources, we recently formed a Development Committee. Its task is to create events that will introduce individuals and corporations to New Futures. Led by Board member Susan Capriotti, the Committee is researching event ideas for this summer. Joining Susan are Dana Bailey, Annemarie Mainwaring, Richard McCormack, MJ Pehl, Kathy Perkins, June Peters, Jeannie Ruckelshaus, Becky Splitt, and Wendy Walter. The team has a financial goal, so if you have an idea that will raise money or make new friends for New Futures, please contact Ken Mundt at kenm@newfutures.us, or 206-248-9647. In the meantime, watch for announcements about new, fun ways to support New Futures.