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## New Futures

### 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.

### Email Connects Parents and Teachers

A teacher contacted one of our Education Advocates about one of their students who had been missing school. Because our Advocate knew the family she was able to contact the mother and immediately set up and provide translation for a parent-teacher conference to help resolve the situation.

After this, our Education Advocate helped parents set up free email accounts to make it easier for them to communicate with teachers regarding their children's grades and behavior. Many parents who do not have access to computers at home are able to use New Futures on-site computers for this purpose, and it creates a convenient way to promote communication between parents and teachers.

Our Education Advocate is copied on all emails between parents and teachers so that she can help parents understand the teachers' messages and help parents compose their questions and responses.

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## Our New Site: Woodridge Park



At our recent Benefit Breakfast, we asked former two-time scholarship winner Julissa Castro, who is now a freshman at Seattle Pacific University, if she would introduce this year's scholarship winners. In her introductions Julissa shared, "I jumped at the

chance to be here this morning and talk to all of you because one year later, I still am in awe of the tremendous difference New Futures has made in my life and those of my family and neighbors in White Center."

New Futures will be making a difference in the lives of more students like Julissa and their families this fall, when we open a fourth program site at Woodridge Park in Boulevard Park. This site was chosen after an intensive six-month process engaging South King County leaders in education, law enforcement, poverty, and community need.

New Futures Acting Executive Director Laura Silverstein, who headed the search for the fourth program site says, "We worked hard to find the community that best represented the challenges of poverty, crime, and school success we have a strong track record of solving. It is clear that Woodridge Park and its residents best represent the needs and strengths where we have seen our programs be most successful".

Children who live at Woodridge Park Apartments attend schools in the Highline School District (HSD) as well as the Tukwila School District (TSD). New Futures has a long history of partnering with the HSD. We will be expanding to serve the TSD for the first time through this site, partnering with families *in Tukwila* — just as we have in Highline — to create communities where children thrive.

This community of 201 units is owned by the King County Housing Authority (KCHA), and houses 93 families with

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## New Web Site

### We have launched a new web site for New Futures!

Thanks to the hard work and skill of our volunteer Web Site Development Team (designer Britt Hansing, developer Peter Tran, copywriter Debra Samson, and usability and search engine expert Nicole Fritts), we have created a site that is easy to navigate, vibrant, and full of information about our programs, partnering with families to create communities where children thrive.

The new site features many ways for you to stay in touch with New Futures. Watch our most recent video, sign up for our eNewsletter, check out volunteer opportunities, and learn about our "ABC's of New Futures" tours.

We want to know what you think! Look for a web survey in your email inbox next month, to give us feedback about the new site.

**Come see all that is new with us by checking out our newly redesigned website: [www.newfutures.org](http://www.newfutures.org).**

NEW BEGINNINGS

As Spring finally begins to warm up, and the plants in the garden start to grow, I'm reminded that through this cold, rainy spring, the foundation has been set for another green summer. Likewise at New Futures, this spring has been shadowed by Ruth's departure. But through



Our New Executive Director  
Karma Kreizenbeck

the months, we have seen children dancing, reading, and singing. And we have seen our supporters come in overwhelming numbers to a breakfast where we honored three youth who are destined for greatness. We have seen our support grow to allow us to select an apartment complex for a fourth site.

And now, with our strong roots into the community, we are also ready to grow into our next adventure. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Karma Kreizenbeck will become New Futures Executive Director in June. Karma comes to us with 15 years of health and philanthropic experience, most recently as Administrator of the Global Health Initiative at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Her passion for partnering to create healthy and vibrant communities is aligned with expertise in management and fundraising, and visionary leadership.

Please join us in welcoming Karma to our community. Her first day will be June 30, and I know that she will be excited to meet all of you who make our growth possible.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest spring, where lots of rain and fertile earth make great things possible.

All my best,

*Laura Silverstein*

Laura Silverstein  
Acting Executive Director

DARREN DARSEY

Volunteer Profile

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. However, not all pictures are equal. Anyone with a camera may consider themselves a photographer, but only some are able to frame photographs that can tell a deeper story. Good, quality photographs convey so much about a situation, an atmosphere, and a feeling, and are essential for helping our friends and supporters fully understand the work of New Futures.

For three years now, photographer Darren Darsey has been volunteering his time to take photographs of our programs and events. He has traveled to all three of our sites in his pursuit of capturing our programs on film. His photographs are prominently displayed on our walls, in our newsletters, and in our annual reports. Because he has taken the time to view New Futures through his lens, you are able to as well.

We celebrate Darren for his gift of photography, documenting children, families, and communities!



Photograph by Darren Darsey

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NEW SITE

children. Prior to the New Futures site opening, the KCHA is providing renovation work to make the space appropriate for New Futures programs. We are especially proud that this complex will allow us to build on our great partnership with the Housing Authority.

The new site will have the ability to directly serve 100 families annually, and will open in the fall of 2008. Thanks to the generosity of Vision 2010 donors, the Seattle P-I Readers Care Fund, and Bank of America, who made this expansion to having a fourth site possible, Woodridge Park will be the next apartment complex to benefit from New Futures award-winning programs including after-school education, teen programs, and family advocacy work.

NEWS AND NOTES



Our Get Inspired! New Futures Benefit Breakfast in May was a huge success. Three outstanding students from our programs accepted scholarships, and we raised over \$200,000 to support our programs.



In April, our Arbor Heights program launched *New Fusion*, the After School Program Magazine. Each student wrote and edited articles, drew pictures, and bound their own copies at the Launch Party.



Teens from our Youth Program spent a day in April sailing with Sound Experience, a program that teaches cooperation, community, and stewardship skills aboard a historic schooner in Puget Sound.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Futures is excited to welcome the following individuals to our Board of Directors:

**Sarah Dunne** is the Legal Director for the ACLU of Washington Foundation, where she supervises an active legal docket of cases covering many issues, such as free speech, racial justice, religious freedom, criminal justice, privacy, reproductive and women's rights, immigrant rights, and gay rights. Sarah grew up in South King County and received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, and her law degree from the University of Chicago.

**Luis Ricardo Fraga** is Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement, Director of the Diversity Research Institute, Russell F. Stark University Professor, and Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington. He received his AB, cum laude, from Harvard University and his MA and PhD from Rice University. Fraga is married to Charlene L. Aguilar, Director of Undergraduate Education Initiatives at the University of Washington, and has three children.

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 and community involvement and cultural competency.

We are concluding our 'Sustainability Series' of yearlong training and consulting with a number of schools. After working together this is what participants report as some of their greatest successes:

- "Running parent meetings in Spanish without a translator"
- "Getting my students to talk about their differences in an appropriate manner and celebrate them in class"
- "Finding curriculum to suit a certain class, in order to be more respectful of their culture"
- "Walking home with kids, learning about their neighborhood, and visiting (not teaching) with them"
- "Helping students to begin seeing things from each other's perspective"