A MESSAGE FROM KATHY

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A Pathway to Stability & Self-Sufficiency

We believe there’s a road to creating strength and stability in a family and in a community. Here’s how we help.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY
75 volunteers and 4 full-time staff cultivated relationships and built capacity within Edith and Carrie, Blue Ridge, and Washington Park neighborhoods.

Year Highlight:
Neighbors rallied and lobbied City Council, resulting in the paving of a road used by children to access Blue Ridge Elementary School.

ADULT LITERACY
49 volunteer tutors donated 933 hours to help change 42 adult lives. Through one-on-one lessons, students overcame barriers and learned conversational English, obtained their GEDs, passed their drivers’ test, and became citizens.

Year Highlight:
A longtime student, immigrant, and former engineer traded in his entry-level job for his dream job with the help and encouragement of his tutor.

WEATHERIZATION & HOME REPAIR
24 homes were weatherized, 8 received ‘healthy home’ repair, and 15 underwent modifications and repair, improving comfort, safety and efficiency.

Client Quote:
“Aside from the huge monthly savings and improvement of our health issues, the home is more comfortable than it’s ever been.”

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES
SSVF provided support to 233 veteran families, making strides toward our goal of ending veteran homelessness in Washington State.

JOBS
89 adults and youth obtained gainful employment, improving stability.
39 individuals received vocational training, providing continued education and opportunity.

HOUSING
568 individuals at risk of homelessness or homeless obtained safe and affordable housing.

Client Quote:
“Having a place to call home has meant more than we could ever convey. We would not have gotten back on our feet without BMAC’s help and support, and will always be grateful for the time we had at Lincoln Terrace.”

FOOD
778,397 meals were distributed to over 20,966 households, totaling 934,076 lbs of food.

3,935 seniors received Supplemental Food Boxes.

Year Highlight:
Fully funding the Backpack Bridge Program and providing 292 weekend meal backpacks to elementary students each Friday and during breaks.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE
1,820 families received energy assistance that kept their utilities on, and their homes warm and safe.

Client Quote:
“My bills are high in the winter, and if it weren’t for these programs, I wouldn’t make it on my fixed income.”

PRO BONO VOLUNTEER LAWYER REFERRAL
474 families were guided through life’s greatest challenges: divorce, custody, bankruptcy, guardianship, tenant/landlord issues. 14 volunteer attorneys served over 259 hours, providing civil legal aid.

Client Quote:
“I feel this has been the final puzzle piece for this being a sustainable life where we can start to worry about normal things like school, fun and happiness versus what can we do to survive.”

OMBUDSMAN
Residents in long-term care facilities received advocacy services, ensuring their rights were respected. Volunteer ombuds served 1,639 hours and helped restore resident rights in over 280 cases.

AMERICORPS
7 AmeriCorps members created change by serving over 12,256 hours at 27 schools and nonprofits.

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