



## Annual Compassion House Fundraiser a Great Success



Thank you Friends of Compassion House. Because of you, we are able to continue serving families. It is such a wonderful feeling to be able to positively support women and children struggling from trauma and homelessness and see them come out on the other side much healthier and independent. Much of this is due to your financial support at our annual fundraiser.

This year's fundraiser was again held in October at the beautiful Mystique Ranch. Lovely chamber music was provided by Tour de Fours. There were so many tantalizing pies: apple-cranberry, chocolate-coffee pie, spun gold key lime pie, peach-blueberry pie and so many others. The silent auction provided opportunities to bid on many wonderful items such as Storm Tickets, glass blown pumpkins, steam punk art, baskets of chocolate and wine as well as a Seahawks helmet signed by Tyler Lockett and many more. The dinner was donated by Kaspers in Seattle; the smells alone were enough to make your mouth water.

We were blessed to hear from a former resident who shared how Compassion House and her team made an impact on her family's life by being there and "doing life" with her and her children. She said the support she received from her team made all the difference for her.

You may remember that we were able to pay off the mortgage because of last year's fundraiser. We acknowledged and celebrated this achievement by burning the promissory note at this year's fundraiser. Compassion House is now able to look forward and not be hindered by debt when planning for the future. ♥



## Giving and Growing Together

In the world of social services, we who do this work choose it to make a difference and change the lives of others for the better. In reality, we are also blessed and changed. We get as much or more than we give.

We who work at CH are both motivated and humbled by the women and their children who are working so hard to make a better life for themselves. These women have endured so much and yet, they get back up and continue to fight, trust, and grow for themselves and their children. It is through them, as well as the volunteers, that I see God's work and know that He is creating something bigger and better in all of us.

I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your support, prayers and guidance. If I could ask one thing, it would be to keep it all coming. CH has more to do. We have more families to grow with and we can only do it together.

*2 Corinthians 9:10 – "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."*

*Brynnen Bailey-Lewis*  
Executive Director ♥

## We Need Your Help!

**We have a critical need for a bookkeeper, experienced with Quickbooks and available 6-7 hours a month.**

**Other needs: Nutritionist, GED tutor, financial counseling, plumbing, carpentry, painting, gardening, computer skills, medical/dental care, legal services, tutoring, home economics, cooking, daycare.**

**If you can help, please see our Volunteer page at: [compassion-house.org](http://compassion-house.org). ♥**

**"Your words will tell others what you think. Your actions will tell them what you believe". --- T. D. Jakes**

## Region's Housing Shortage Affects Our Residents

You know the headlines. The booming regional economy has led to a housing shortage and skyrocketing



rents throughout King County. At the same time, the supply of subsidized apartment units for low income families is actually shrinking. Those two megatrends mean that our residents have no place to go after they complete our program. State law limits eligibility for transitional housing like CH to two years. But many waiting lists for subsidized housing are longer than two years. Our current residents worry that nothing will be available for them when their two years are up at CH. Where can they go? The CH board is actively speaking out to city and state officials about this unfair situation. ♥

## Treasurer Wendy Stansbury Steps Down

Long time board member Wendy Stansbury has stepped aside as her family has relocated out of our area. We are hugely indebted to Wendy for her wisdom as a board member and her skills as the manager of our finances for about ten years. She served on a resident support team, was instrumental in running some previous fundraisers, and made many other contributions to the board as we tripled in size over those years. God's blessings to you Wendy in your new location, and thanks millions for your service! ♥

## An Unexpected Meeting

Recently, one of our volunteers had a chance encounter with a former resident at a shopping mall. We had not heard from her in quite some time so it was a very pleasant surprise when this former resident rushed up, exchanged happy greetings with the volunteer, and thanked her for what Compassion House had taught her about coping with hard times. By her own admission, she had been somewhat of a reluctant learner while living with us, but once she left, she began to recognize the value of what she had received. The Bible has a saying, "God's word never returns empty-handed". Sometimes, God does his best work behind our backs! How often do we fail to recognize His activity?" ♥

## More Ways You Can Help

**Pray.** All that we do is guided by our Lord. Your prayer support for workers and for residents is priceless.

**Donate.** Compassion House is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charity. Your donations are tax deductible. Mail in your checks, or look for the PayPal option on our website. Ask if your United Way contribution at work can be designated to Compassion House.

**Nominate.** Does your employer support community charities? Nominate us!

**Shop. (1)** Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Compassion House at [fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

Search for us by name or by non-profit number 91674. The store donates to us AND you still get all your shopper benefits.

**(2)** Choose "Compassion House" when ordering from AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) and Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your purchases to Compassion House. ♥

## New Bike Rack for Our Residents

A hearty "thank you" to Garrett Pomeroy who was instrumental



in building and installing the bike rack for his Eagle Scout project, sponsored by Troup 709. ♥



*This Year's Annual Fundraiser*

## We're looking for a New Venue ...

Mystique Ranch has been so gracious and such a wonderful place to host our annual fundraiser. However, for next year we need a place able to hold 200-250 people. If you have a connection to a facility that might work, please contact us. ♥