



FRIENDS OF FUSION QUARTERLY

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'CALIENTE' ANNUAL FUNDRAISER PLANNING IN HIGH GEAR

On March 26th, Event Chair Lori DeVore opened her home to officially kick-off event planning for "Caliente" FUSION's Spanish Theme signature arts event for 2006.

"Save the Date" invitations have now reached the mailboxes of all loyal followers and on August 2, 2006 FUSION hopes to hold its most successful fund-raiser to date at Dumas Bay in Federal Way.

All proceeds from the annual event will support transitional housing for women and children in the Federal Way community.

Peggy LaPorte, FUSION Founder and Chair, thanked generous new sponsors and all of FUSION's volunteers who are helping to plan the event.

Donors for the event and housing units have reached an all-time high and LaPorte encourages volunteers to show their appreciation to those listed on the next page for supporting FUSION.

Once again, first-class catering will be donated entirely by Dash Point's Metropolitan Market. "The thank you cards that volunteers sent to Metropolitan Market had a tremendous impact on showing how much their support to our organization means in the community."

DeVore and LaPorte also

acknowledged the special contributions of volunteers and board members Judy Free and Shirley Ayers for their work thus far



Event Chair Lori DeVore (center) with dedicated volunteers Esther Trinidad-Snyder (left) and Lika Shafer (right) at the 2006 Event Planning Kick-Off Party

on the event.

"Judy has done such a wonderful job on the invitations and save the date cards, and Shirley put our entire database back together after a crash of the system," said DeVore.

She relayed that event chairs are gearing up for another incredibly successful year and are hoping to surpass last year's fund-raising milestone.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of subcommittees that plan the annual event, ranging from

entertainment and decorations, to on-site greeting and set-up the day of the event. Once invitations are received from the printer, a schedule will be sent out for small "glitter parties" to embellish invitations.

As FUSION's 12th annual event, the evening will showcase local artists, live and silent auctions to fund transitional housing and support services for homeless women and children in the community.

This year, attendees will feast on Spain's Tapas Cuisine while enjoying entertainment by Flamenco dancers and Spanish guitarists who will roam the grounds throughout the evening.

Spanish wines and various desserts will also be served while guests bid on live and silent auction items and view artist displays. Be sure to join the fun with fellow FUSION volunteers at the meetings listed below!

Volunteer Event Timeline

Please call Lori DeVore at 253-332-8354 with questions

- **May 31, 6:30 p.m.**
Working Meeting (Intellipass)
- **June 21, 2006**
Working Meeting
- **July 12, 2006**
Working Meeting
- **July 26, 2006**
Working Meeting

Donor Spotlight:

Thanks due to Metropolitan Market, Home Street Bank, Women's Club of Federal Way, Puget Sound Energy, Smith Barney and more...

Volunteers combined with local businesses and community donations are what makes FUSION such a successful organization in providing transitional housing in our community.

Taking the time to thank those who donate generously to FUSION is an important step as volunteers to show our appreciation. The simple act of writing a thank you letter or mentioning your appreciation to employees of those businesses that support FUSION can have a tremendous impact.

Last year, Peggy LaPorte called upon volunteers to write thank you notes to Metropolitan Market, which donated over \$10,000 in food toward the 2005 event. "The response was incredible," said Peggy. "The manager and employees were overwhelmed with the notes of appreciation for their generous donation."

When called into action, FUSION volunteers truly make their voices heard! With donations for the 2006 event at an all-time high, LaPorte is calling on all volunteers to take a moment to thank the following local individuals and businesses:

- Metropolitan Market
- HomeStreet Bank
- Woodstone Credit Union
- Al Franzen/Windermere
- Jeff & Leanne Stock
- Lori & Tim DeVore / John L. Scott Realty
- Weyerhaeuser
- St. Francis Hospital

- Heritage Bank
- Vision Express
- Highmark Investments
- Ranier Pacific Bank
- John L. Scott Realty



FUSION Advisory Board member Rich Dryden presents a \$5,000 donation to members of the FUSION Board.

- Skip Priest & Trisha Bennett
- Puget Sound Energy
- Federal Way Rotary
- Jack & Linda Butcher
- Dr. & Mrs. Gary
- Dr. Hunter
- Dr. Barbara Levey
- Dr. Marie Durlinger
- Women's Club of Federal Way
- Smith Barney
- Evergreen Bank
- Aerospace Distributors
- Cece Carr Foundation House
- Prudential NW Realty
- Valley Bank
- Orion Industries
- Windermere Real Estate
- Mona Lux & Associates
- Robert Thomson Law Firm
- Nagaich & Johnson Law Firm
- Vanessa Herzog/GVA Kidder Matthews
- Dr. & Mrs. Stacy Kanda
- Lynne Garton/Countrywide Home Loans
- Dan Altmayer/Edward Jones
- Sharon Kline
- Bernstein Alliance Investments
- Jack & Carol Stanford/Stanford Ins.
- Linda Kay/Wells
- Fargo Home Mortgage
- Sen. Tracy Eide/Judge Mark Eide
- Dennis & Peggy LaPorte
- The Patrick Maher Memorial Fund

A message from Patti Ishii-Halbmaier, FUSION President

In the Spring and the Winter, I have the honor (or duty, depending on how you see it!) of presiding over the mid-year board retreat.

This is an opportunity for the entire board to brainstorm on how we can improve as an organization to meet our central mission of providing transitional housing to those in need in our community.

Our Spring retreat was facilitated by the ever-talented Phylis Tellari of Smith Barney, who not only serves on our Advisory Council, but also

provides inspiration along the way.

We have made strides in many different ways — discussing whether we should add units and how to increase professionalism of our organization.

I would like to thank our dedicated FUSION Board, including: Peggy LaPorte, Nancy Jaenicke, Cindy Billington, Rose Schuler, Shirley Ayers, Sandy Brandlund, Pat Chesebro, Lori DeVore, Wendy Ferrell, Judy Free, Kim Freet, Beverly Kim and

Fran Morris for their dedication to FUSION this year.

I am confident that FUSION will continue to grow and prosper, and I am so thankful to all the volunteers who make FUSION such a wonderful organization.



Friends United to Shelter the Indigent, Oppressed and Needy



Our Mission: "To provide transitional housing and support services for the homeless women and their children in our community"

Who We Are & How We Serve: FUSION is the only non-profit, all volunteer organization in Federal Way, Washington providing transitional housing for women and their children facing homelessness. All funds raised through the effort of our community and it's volunteers go directly to meeting client's needs, and not to administrators.

In addition to providing basic needs to mother and children, FUSION also provides:

- Support services from the South King County YWCA - with trained advocates who provide the families with resources including: education, employment services, and additional support that can range from child care to learning how to apply for medical aid, budget finances, and family counseling.
- Fully furnished, beautifully decorated condominiums available for a duration of time long enough to establish the finances and training needed to move on to permanent housing
- Special funding to allow the children to take part in extra curricular activities.

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