

## Upcoming Events

### Knock Your Socks Off!



#### September Sock Drive

**Our Goal: 3,000 new pairs of socks by September 30th**

**Deliver or send to  
77 S. Washington Street.**

**Check out our sock-o-meter on the Compass website to see how we're doing!**

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#### Other Items We Need

- **New women's underwear (XL and larger)**
- **Men's razors**

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## COMPASS News

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## Gethsemane Lutheran Project

We are incredibly excited about plans to move forward with the Gethsemane Lutheran Church construction and renovation project, which will break ground in January 2011. This landmark project, located on the church's downtown campus, will be developed in partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran and Mary's Place of the Church of Mary Magdalene. The project includes expanded worship and meeting spaces for the congregation, 50 new affordable housing apartments, and the Hope Center, which will provide expanded social services to the downtown community.

Gethsemane, the oldest Lutheran congregation in Seattle, has a long-standing commitment to serving the urban needs of the Denny Triangle and Seattle at large, and the church has operated both men's and women's shelters for many years. "We are committed to ending homelessness in Seattle and together with our partners at Compass Housing Alliance and Mary's Place we are now able to provide additional help to house, comfort, and support those in need," said Jean Anderson, Immediate Past President of Gethsemane.

Compass Housing Apartments at Gethsemane will be located in a five-story addition to be constructed above the north face of the church. The apartments are targeted to low-income downtown workers who need safe, decent affordable housing that is in close proximity to jobs, services and amenities.

"We are thrilled to have reached such a meaningful partnership with Gethsemane and to be able to provide much needed affordable housing to the downtown core," said Beth Boram, Compass Housing Alliance Property Development Director.

In addition to affordable housing, the project also includes the development of the Hope Center, a 10,000 square foot area located in the lower level of the campus. The Hope Center will expand Gethsemane's current social ministries to provide a wider spectrum of community care for Seattle's homeless and disadvantaged. It will include Mary's Place and Gethsemane's Community Services and Soup and Movies programs.

The project is scheduled to break ground in January 2011 and be completed by February 2012. The project team includes Olson Kundig, who designed the exterior and the first two floors of the new building; SMR Architects, designers of the five-story affordable housing unit and the Hope Center; CMS Keller for construction management; and the RAFN Company as the general contractor.



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## Project Cool For Back-to-School

Each year the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) coordinates **Project Cool for Back-to-School**, a program that collects and distributes school supplies and backpacks for homeless children in King County.

The "Compass Family" played a large role in every step of the process this year. Jenn Pargas (coordinator of Community Transitional Housing) was a co-chairperson; former Compass Center employee, Cecelia Linsley also co-chaired; Communications Coordinator, Lindsey Lund, helped design the logo, posters and button; and the Compass Crown Hill site served as Project Cool headquarters!

This year, Project Cool assembled 1812 backpacks stuffed with pencils, markers, notebooks, and more! They will also give out \$20 shoe vouchers to each child.



Project Cool organizers and volunteers with Rep. Jim McDermott, who volunteered with the Project Cool team!



A volunteer sits in the piles of notebooks!



SKCCH VISTA volunteer Virginia, SKCCH summer intern Maia, and Project Cool co-chair Cecelia

## Remembering Larry



Larry Lattin, Angle Lake Court's dedicated Property Coordinator, passed away in July. Larry and his loving wife Sandi have spent the past few years creating the most amazing community environment at Angle Lake Court. They've been a team in life and career for almost 30 years.

Larry was respected by all residents and co-workers. He always had a peaceful approach to his life and job that put everyone around him instantly at ease.

Sandi has found some peace in spending time with the residents and recently put together an entire resident appreciation luncheon to thank all of the folks living at Angle Lake Court for their love and support throughout the most difficult time of her life.

We're incredibly grateful for the opportunity to know Larry and be witness to his dedication to his family and Angle Lake Court. We are so thankful for Sandi and her amazing outlook, love for Larry, and never ending commitment to the residents of Angle Lake Court.



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has launched the "Choice Dollars" phase of its new Thrivent Choice initiative. This program makes it possible for members to direct Thrivent's charitable dollars to the organizations they most wish to support.

**If you are a Thrivent member, and eligible for the new Thrivent Choice program, please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Compass Housing Alliance.** You can direct your Choice Dollars to our agency in one of two ways:

1. Go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice), log in, then select Compass Housing Alliance from the listing of eligible organizations.
2. Call the Thrivent Service Center at 1-800-THRIVENT, select "Thrivent Choice" and instruct the Thrivent representative to direct your Choice Dollars to Compass Housing Alliance.

## Don't Miss These Special Events!

More information is posted on our News&Events Page at [www.compasshousingalliance.org](http://www.compasshousingalliance.org)

### Compass Veterans Center - Renton Open House



**Oct. 10, 2010**

1:00-3:00 PM

403 S. 2nd St,  
Renton, WA

Come For a Tour! All are welcome!

Want to help get the apartments ready for move-in? Check out our registries at Target, Macy's and MyRegistry.com. More info and links are on our website.

### Veterans Day Event

**November 11, 2010**

Time and Details TBA

### 17th Annual Rick Steves Travel Lecture: "Travel as a Political Act"



**Oct. 28, 2010**

6:30 PM

At Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA  
**tickets at [compasshousingalliance.org](http://compasshousingalliance.org)**

## Those Kids Have Been Busy This Summer!

In July, volunteer Florence Lindstrom from Northlake Lutheran Church organized a mask making project for the children at Northlake Grove Cooperative. During her first visit, the kids made colorful paper mache masks; the second week they painted them.

August 12th at The Courts, Janet Taylor from Peace Lutheran church in West Seattle headed up a puppet making project. They used plenty of socks, paper bags, paint, paste and googly eyes! We even caught some of the parents joining in!



Longfellow and Westwood Courts are comprised of 45 units of housing. Last year, 43% of the 167 residents were children under age 18. Northlake Grove Cooperative has 24 units. Last year 58% of the 60 residents were children.

Thank you to Northlake Lutheran and Peace Lutheran for their support of the children's arts and crafts activities this summer at the Courts and Northlake Grove! And thank you to Phinney Ridge Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Northlake Lutheran and Overlake Presbyterian for their generous donations of back-to-school supplies for children at Bergan Place, The Courts, Easternwood, and Northlake Grove.

