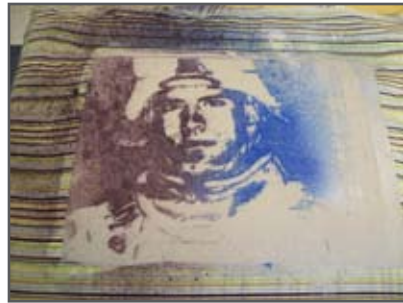


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Art by Veterans



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Upcoming Event

**PHILLIPS REAL ESTATE SERVICES
 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

July 18, 2011
 8:00AM-1:00PM
 Mt. Si Golf Course



If you would like to participate, contact event chairperson, Lou Micheli 206-622-8600

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A LUTHERAN ORGANIZATION

An Anniversary Celebration!

On April 28th, we celebrated one year of our men's shelter at First United Methodist Church's Blaine Center. The festive occasion included a dinner for shelter guests, volunteers, staff and First Church congregation members. We also had some visitors from the City and County. Many former shelter guests who are now in housing also returned for the celebration. The festive atmosphere was heightened by live bluegrass music by The Shed Boys and singing by Tacoma's Praise 'n Worship.

Executive Director Rick Friedhoff continues to be inspired by this partnership. *"The partnership between First United Methodist Church, The City of Seattle and Compass Housing brings together the resources of the City, the commitment of the faith community, and the skill and talent of a dedicated service team to make the First Church Men's Shelter at the Blaine Center a welcoming and healthy place for 60 men. The shared experience of residents, staff and volunteers inspires me and gives me hope for tomorrow."*

It is, of course, a mixed blessing to be celebrating another anniversary for a shelter. It means that we are far from ending homelessness. But we are grateful for the guests and volunteers who are forming a caring community at the Blaine Center.

Left: Shelter Counselor Christal Fields and Pastor of FUMC Rev. Sandy Brown

Below: Praise 'n Worship



Al Poole (Director of the City of Seattle's homelessness intervention program) and Alan Painter (King County Human Services, Health & Housing Policy Advisor)
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In the kitchen



The Shed Boys

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April 29th-May 4th, we hosted the Combat Paper Project at the Compass Veterans Center - Renton. In these papermaking workshops, veterans use their uniforms worn in combat to create cathartic works of art. The uniforms are cut up, beaten into a pulp and formed into sheets of paper. Veterans use the transformative process of papermaking to reclaim their uniform as art and begin to embrace their experiences in the military. The leaders of the workshop, who tour with the workshop nationally, also encourage participants to dye, paint, and write on their paper to create personal, unique pieces of art.

One veteran who made his own paper in Renton wrote, **"I would never know that I could express my pain and sorrow into beautiful art called combat paper."**

Luther's Table, located on the first floor of the Veterans Center, will be displaying some of the finished pieces. More information about the project can be found at www.combatpaper.org.



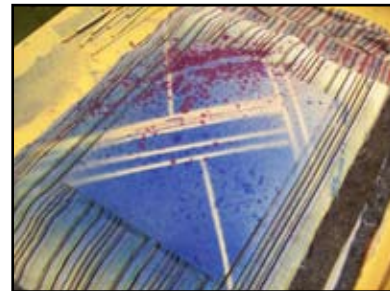
Turning uniforms into pulp with a beater machine



"Pulling" a sheet



Releasing the paper from the mold



A finished piece

Volunteer with kids and teens

The school year is winding down. It's been a fun one for the students at our permanent housing programs, especially at The Courts in West Seattle, where four UW students have been helping resident children on Tuesdays for **Homework Club!** The kids have a healthy snack, a chance to get to know each other, 45 minutes of homework and reading, and a half-hour fun group game or activity. They also get to enjoy **Reading Night** on the first Thursday of the month with Roxhill Elementary principal Carmela Dellino. She visits the first Thursday of the month and reads to the kids, shares books and leads an art project relating to what they read together.

Are you interested in working with children or teens? Put your gifts, talents and energy to good use. Teach a class; lead a game night; plan a party; help with homework clubs; provide snacks for afterschool programs; be a Girl Scout troop leader; provide childcare. The choices are endless! Opportunities are available during the summer and school year at the following programs:

Compass Veterans Center - Renton

Upcoming Orientation Dates and Times
Sat. 6/4 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Sat. 6/11 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Registration is required. To sign up, call Kristi Weber, volunteer coordinator, at 206-357-3108 or email kweber@compasshousingalliance.org

Permanent Affordable Housing Properties in West Seattle, North Seattle, Kenmore, Bothell

To learn more, contact Maggie Milcarek at 206-357-3139 or mmilcarek@compasshousingalliance.org



Reading Night



Homework Club

Auction Report



Auction Co-Chairs Oralia and Ron Lynch



Guests bid on auction items under plane wings at The Museum of Flight



Guests "dash" for their desserts



Staff "Best-of-Live" sellers

Thank you to all who attended or participated in our 2011 auction, Sky's the Limit! We were at a fabulous new venue this year--the Museum of Flight. We raised a record \$316,661! Join the fun next year: March 10th, 2012.

Auction photos by Becca Howell www.beccahowell.com

New In-Kind Donation Policy

Compass Housing Alliance will no longer accept gifts of used blankets (quilts are still needed), clothing, furniture and children's toys. The community has been very generous in donating these items, and we appreciate your patience as we adjust this policy to better fit our needs and storage limitations.

Our full updated donation policy and a list of needed in-kind donations is available on our website at www.compasshousingalliance.org/get-involved-now/items-we-need

Current Donation Needs

- Travel size shampoo, soap, etc.
- Bath towels
- Men's shower shoes
- New Socks
- Washcloths
- New men's sweatshirts and sweat pants
- Quilts
- Sheets and towels (new or gently used)

It is important that all used sheets and towels are laundered before delivery.

We Need Your Help June 23rd

Join Compass Housing Alliance and The Seattle Foundation for one of the biggest giving days in King County history! **On June 23, 2011 from 7 a.m. to midnight**, The Seattle Foundation will host its first GiveBIG event. That day, you can donate to Compass through a special page at our website (www.compasshousingalliance.org) and your gift will be increased by the Seattle Foundation and its business sponsors. It's a great way to make your donation dollar go even farther. Help spread the word: Tell your friends and family to **GIVE BIG on June 23rd!**



Cascade Creativity!



Christine shows off her wall hanging

For two hours each Thursday afternoon, volunteer Linda Harris and Pastor Kristy host open time for women living at the Cascade Women's Program. They gather to sew, knit, crochet, mend, or just talk. The number attending at any one time is usually small, but the impact on a life can be profound. Pastor Kristy and Linda consider their time at Cascade to be a blessing. **"We get to see women open up and celebrate the gifts that they have, to see some sew or create works of art for the first time. We**

watch them discover artistic talents and skills they never had a chance to explore, and listen to their stories. We help with a lot of hemming and altering of clothes so that the women feel presentable and comfortable both in the community and at job interviews."

The yarn and notions that the group uses are provided by an inspiration grant from Plymouth Congregational that Linda wrote specifically for this purpose. Thanks to Linda, Pr. Kristy, and the women at Cascade for continuing to inspire us with your creativity and caring!



Linda helps Mia make a purse using an old pair of pants

