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Dear Neighbor:

DESC is working on a new affordable housing development in the Rainier Valley neighborhood, located at 3501 Rainier Avenue South. Our plans include construction of a new building, starting in Fall 2016. When complete, the new building will feature 90 studio units of affordable housing with supportive services and indoor/outdoor community spaces for men and women who are disabled and formerly homeless. DESC will continue to own and operate the building after completion.

For over 30 years, DESC has been the primary resource for the most vulnerable people living without housing in the region. We work to implement innovative and cost-effective strategies that end homelessness. These include permanent supportive housing, mental health care, chemical dependency treatment, crisis intervention, emergency shelter and outreach, employment services and vocational training. DESC's Supportive Housing program operates over 1000 units of housing in Seattle, winning multiple national awards in recent years. Last year, DESC served 7,000 individuals and helped over 900 men and women move off the streets into permanent supportive housing.

DESC has been developing supportive housing since 1994 and has produced ten projects in that time, with an eleventh project scheduled to be completed this December in the Interbay neighborhood, on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. DESC and its team of architects and contractors have been recognized for quality construction and suitable design and construction techniques.

An important value we hold is being a good neighbor. In an effort to learn more about neighborhood interests and provide neighbors with more details, we are hosting an informational forum about this new housing development.

We invite you and anyone who is interested in learning more, to join us on

**Wednesday, August 5, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
at DESC Rainier House, 5270 Rainier Ave. South 98118**

**More information about this project is available at: [www.desc.org/estelle.html](http://www.desc.org/estelle.html)**

For more information about DESC, our supportive housing, or other programs, please visit our website [www.desc.org](http://www.desc.org). We also welcome your questions. Please contact DESC's Executive Director, Daniel Malone, at 206-515-1523 or [dmalone@desc.org](mailto:dmalone@desc.org). If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be included on future updates as our plans progress, please provide your email. If you own a property in the neighborhood and rent it out, we encourage you to forward this information to your tenants. We can provide a copy of this letter and flyer in email form for your use.

Hope to see you on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Malone  
Executive Director

**Supportive Housing**  
1811 Eastlake  
Aurora House  
Canaday House  
Cottage Grove Commons  
Evans House  
Kerner-Scott House  
Lyon Building  
The Morrison  
Rainier House  
Union Hotel  
Scattered Site

**Mental Health Services**  
Crisis Respite  
HOME-Housing Opportunities  
& Meaningful Engagement  
HOST-Outreach &  
Engagement  
PACT- Intensive Team  
SAGE-Case Management

**Employment Support**

**Chemical Dependency  
Services**

**Emergency Shelter**

**Connections**

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**INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN  
Informational Forum**

**about a new affordable housing  
development with supportive services  
for formerly homeless men and  
women to be built at  
3501-3507 Rainier Avenue South**

**August 5, 2015, Wednesday**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**at DESC's Rainier House**

**5270 Rainier Avenue South**

*We will share details and answer questions about  
this new housing development. Refreshments will  
be provided.*

***Not able to attend, but still  
interested in learning more?***

See [www.desc.org/estelle.html](http://www.desc.org/estelle.html)  
or contact :

**Daniel Malone, Executive Director  
dmalone@desc.org; 206-515-1523**

**Examples of Recent DESC  
Supportive Housing Buildings:**



*Interbay Supportive Housing, currently under construction*



*Aurora House courtyard, opened 2013*



*Rainier House, opened 2009*