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TRANSFORMING LIVES *Fall 2004*

Seattle community joins together to build hope, end homelessness

The Building Hope Capital Campaign began in response to the increasing rate of homelessness in Seattle and surrounding communities where more than 2,500 people are homeless and without a safe place to sleep on any given night. This message inspired more than 50 of Seattle's most active and respected business leaders and residents to join forces to support the Building Hope Capital Campaign.

Led by campaign co-chairs Robert Flowers and Catherine Colwell, this diverse group of go-getters has formed a Steering Committee to guide the campaign and three working sub-committees to support it. Their work in a few short months has propelled the campaign forward, and the results have been remarkable.

On September 17th, the committees outdid themselves by inviting more than 500 people to officially kick-off the Building Hope Capital Campaign with a luncheon at the Westin Seattle. Architects, bankers, elected officials, founding board members, and longtime volunteers were there to show their support. We were overwhelmed by your generosity, and we are pleased to announce that \$190,000 was raised at this heartwarming and inspiring event.

Campaign Overview

The growing need for housing has hit our community hard. It's no more apparent than at the Rental Office where the waiting list for one of PHG's 730 apartments has reached 1,000 people—the longest list of applicants PHG has had at one time.



The newly renovated St. Charles Apartments and Plymouth Cafe at Third and Cherry

The funds raised through the Building Hope Capital Campaign will help end homelessness in Seattle by providing over 200 units of safe, supportive, permanent housing in three downtown buildings by 2006. Nearly 20% of these apartments will be reserved for people living with mental illness and other physical disabilities.

The three buildings in the campaign are the St. Charles Apartments (completed in June), Plymouth on Stewart Apartments (renovations began in November), and the Haddon Hall Apartments (renovations begin in 2005).

It will take work to raise the remaining funds, but the potential benefits are simply too great to ignore—once a person can enter permanent housing in a supportive environment, the cycle of homelessness is broken and a person can grow in more healthy ways.

Letter from the Executive Director

Building Hope Together



Paul Lambros
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It was only a year ago that Plymouth Housing Group announced the Building Hope Capital Campaign to our closest friends and supporters. We knew it would be a challenge to raise \$30

million but we also envisioned the success: that 200 people would not be homeless, but instead would have a safe, permanent home in a supportive community.

Since then, your generosity has been overwhelming and we are much closer to reaching our goal. We're grateful to have such strong leadership from our Board President, Robin Appleford and Campaign Co-Chairs Robert Flowers and Catherine

Colwell. They brought together dedicated leaders from the Seattle area who represent regional businesses, real estate professionals, the faith community, and Seattle residents in the effort to end homelessness. Their leadership has been inspiring.

Some of our region's most respected foundations have also led the way with major gifts, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and The Seattle Foundation. Other leadership gifts have come from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and Washington Mutual. Together, these leadership gifts account for \$3.2 million!

It's easy to measure the success of the campaign in terms of dollars raised or projects completed; yet it's the human face of the campaign that keeps us motivated. Like that of Paing Win, who you

may have read about in Nicole Brodeur's columns in the Seattle Times. Like many tenants, Paing struggled with physical and mental disabilities while he was homeless. But, now that he has a new home at the St. Charles Apartments, he has the support of the caring staff to help him rebuild his life and take charge of his future.

More people like Paing can have this opportunity, too. Your gift to the Building Hope Capital Campaign will transform a life and build hope where there was none. As the year comes to a close, we can't forget what the future holds for the 87 people who will move into Plymouth on Stewart or the 55 people who will be able to keep their housing at Haddon Hall. For us, and especially for them, the success of the campaign is the end to homelessness.

Warmest Regards,

Paul Lambros
Executive Director

Plymouth on Stewart — Project Details



The future Plymouth on Stewart Apartments

Plymouth Housing Group purchased the former St. Regis Hotel in April 2004. The building was constructed as a 126-unit hotel in 1908. It was originally operated as the Archibald Hotel, and for a few years as the Hotel Belmont. It had been in continuous operation as the St. Regis Hotel for about 85 years.

The building has been re-named Plymouth on Stewart. Renovations started on November 9th and will be completed by February 2006.

Plymouth on Stewart will feature:

- **87 studio apartments — all with full kitchens and baths**
- **Laundry facilities on each residential floor**
- **Computer Resource Center & Community Activities Room**
- **4 staff offices**
- **The Tenant Supply Closet (see page 4 "Help at the Holidays")**
- **New retail on the corner of Second and Stewart**



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Plymouth Cafe is Open for Business

Last month, Plymouth Cafe opened its doors downtown at the busy corner of Third and Cherry, inside the newly renovated St. Charles Apartment Building. The cafe is Plymouth Housing Group's first business venture, with *all* profits



going directly to PHG's social service programs that support our tenants.

Not only is Plymouth Cafe socially responsible, but it also features the freshest local products and homemade specialties—and all inside a striking, inviting space designed by noted architect George Suyama.

The Cafe menu includes breakfast and lunch fare, espresso, and convenient snack items. Local featured products include Top Pot

Coffee and Donuts, Tim's Cascade Chips, and Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream.

Plymouth Cafe furthers the mission of Plymouth Housing Group by providing affordable, high quality meals and snacks in a creative environment that educates, inspires and invites our customers, employees, and partners to share in Plymouth Housing Group's commitment to eliminate homelessness in Seattle.

For more information, visit www.plymouthcafe.com. And be sure to stop by and get fueled for your day! Plymouth Cafe is open Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Spotlight on Catherine Colwell

When Catherine Colwell's late husband, Rev. David Colwell, founded Plymouth Housing Group nearly 25 years ago, she was standing there beside him. The uncertainty of their new project excited Catherine as she saw so many people latch on to one person's idea. Back then her priorities were being a stay-at-home mom, and supporting her husband. At that time, she had no idea of the kind of success that would come in the next two and a half decades.

Today, she continues to support her husband's work by co-chairing the Building Hope Capital Campaign. She is honored to take the position and



Catherine Colwell, Building Hope Campaign Co-Chair

excited to see what the future has in store for PHG. Catherine's passion to end homelessness is as strong as ever and she believes that every city church should be helping fight this battle.

New Committees: An Opportunity to Support the Building Hope Campaign

The Building Hope Campaign is forming two new committees to focus on building awareness and support among key constituencies—downtown residents and downtown businesses and their employees.

In addition to Plymouth's work to eliminate homelessness in our city, Plymouth buildings create improved streets and neighborhoods throughout the downtown area. A goal of the Building Hope Campaign is to raise awareness of the work Plymouth does and the way in which that work improves the quality of life for all who live, work and visit downtown.

The Downtown Residents Committee will meet quarterly to plan events and activities that engage and educate people living in the downtown area about the dramatic impact Plymouth is having in their neighborhood and the ways in which they can help to end homelessness.

The Downtown Business Committee will build awareness among employees and develop partnerships with businesses that are dedicated to the vitality, safety, and prosperity of our city.

The work of Plymouth Housing Group is made possible by scores of volunteers and supporters who understand the value and effectiveness of joining forces to ensure that more homeless people have permanent homes and the opportunity to improve their lives. The Building Hope Campaign offers a way to channel goodwill and caring into tangible solutions to end homelessness.

If you would like to join one of these committees, please contact Caroline Woodward at (206) 267-4720 or cwoodward@plymouthhousing.org

Plymouth Housing Group is in the News!

Nicole Brodeur, of the Seattle Times, has been following a PHG tenant, Paing Win, through our Coming Home Program at the St. Charles for several months. Check out her monthly Sunday column for updates throughout the year. You can also read her past columns and these other recent articles at www.plymouthhousing.org/news:

- Robert Flowers and Catherine Colwell, Co-Chairs of the Building Hope Capital Campaign, offer solutions to end homelessness
- Plymouth Housing Group recently awarded \$1.2 million by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- The Seattle Foundation awarded \$100,000 to Plymouth Housing Group's Building Hope Campaign
- The Paul G. Allen Foundation awards Plymouth Housing Group \$500,000 to end homelessness
- Plymouth on Stewart renovation is underway

Help at the Holidays

Brighten this holiday season for your neighbors in need by donating items to the Tenant Supply Closet. Most Plymouth Housing Group tenants have been homeless or living in shelters before they move into their apartments, and have very few, if any, possessions. The Tenant Supply Closet enables tenants to "shop" for household goods free of charge.

By donating the following items, you can help transform new apartments into comfortable homes. Household goods can be new or gently used.

Pots/Pans	Cup and Bowl
Pillow	Towels
Twin Sheets	Pen & Notepad
Can Opener	Shampoo
Dishes	Bar and Dish Soap
Silverware	Toothbrush/paste
Laundry & Waste Basket	

Please call Linda at (206) 381-1320 if you have any questions or have items to donate. Thank you!



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Another Chow Down Success

Thanks to all of you who ate your way through the streets of Belltown on November 18th! Our third annual **Chow Down in Belltown** was a big success, and brought further awareness throughout the Belltown neighborhood of the important work Plymouth Housing does in the downtown community. Please be sure to continue supporting the following restaurants who participated in this year's Chow Down and donated 20% of their total food profits to Plymouth Housing Group.

