Seattle's First Public Housing Undergoes Ambitious Transformation

Huyen Dang and her 11-year-old son Andrew (above, left) were among the first to make the move from the "old" Yesler Terrace in Seattle to the "new" one—a fresh start when they needed it most. They have lived in public housing since 2009. Huyen worked in human services, helping people apply for food stamps, until she was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Moving to Kebero Court at Yesler Terrace provided the pair with much more than a light-filled apartment and a sense of safety and security. They’re near a new streetcar line and several bus routes, Andrew’s school, grocery stores and a hospital. While the area’s rents continue to soar, they are glad they were able to remain in a community connected to so many vital resources.

Now that she has finished her chemotherapy treatments, Huyen takes advantage of the resources at the Epstein Opportunity Center, a converted steam plant, to find job opportunities. It’s also where Andrew attended the Seattle University Youth Initiative’s summer program with his friends from Kebero Court.

Find more stories like Huyen and Andrew’s in our recent annual report.
Coming Next Month: A New Enterprise Website

A new online experience is coming soon. We are updating our website to incorporate our blog and our technical resources into one, dynamic platform. Soon, you will be able to access all our great content across all your devices.

NEWS & PERSPECTIVE

Enterprise Advisors Extends Services to HFAs Nationwide

Four Takeaways From White House Housing Development Toolkit

Bisnow: "Inside Charlie Werhane's Plan to End Housing Insecurity"

Laurel Blatchford: Cross-Sector Collaboration Is Key to Connecting the Dots Between Health and Housing

Resilience AmeriCorps Expands to 55 Tribal Communities

ACTION Campaign Releases New Resources That Include Number of Households Paying More Than Half Their Income on Rent

Melinda Pollack to Present on New Opportunities in Health at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

Geeta Rao Talks Transit Equity, Sustainability and Housing on Shelterforce Blog
A Grand Opening
for Bon Secours Gibbons Apartments

Enterprise partnered with Bon Secours Baltimore Health System to convert the former Cardinal Gibbons School into the newly-opened Bon Secours Gibbons Apartments. Part of a mixed-use development, the property features 80 healthy, green, affordable homes with access to public transit, healthcare, healthy food options and recreation.

A video by CBS Baltimore captures the excitement around the new development.

Laurel Blatchford in Time:
Hurricane Matthew Will Hurt African Americans and Low-Income People Most
As Hurricane Matthew battered cities and towns along the southeastern coast of the U.S., Laurel Blatchford, who led the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, warned that crisis does not impact everyone equally. Discriminatory housing policies have led climate change to impact low-income and African American people more than others.

Blatchford says that we know how to start mitigating these disparities. Hurricane Katrina taught us a great deal about how to rebuild, including involving residents in the design and planning process.

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ENTERPRISE RESOURCE CENTER

Visit our online library for a wide offering of new and timeless affordable housing tools and resources:

- From Resident Needs Assessments to Building Design: Helping Older Adult Residents Age Successfully in Communities
- Creating a Healthy Home: A Field Guide for Clean-up of Flooded Homes

SOCIAL

Here are a few notable tweets:

@TIME
"Hurricane Matthew will hurt African Americans and low-income people most"
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@AMJPublicHealth
Low-income families in areas w/ high cost of living suffer negative nutritional impact, but SNAP can offset it http://goo.gl/inRk2n

@MichaelASpotts
Diversity creates resilience to withstand shocks - in broader and local economies, ecology, and especially housing markets. #MissingMiddle


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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“I have no worries living here. I'm very lucky” - Huyen Dang, Kebero Court resident