



Downtown Emergency Service Center

Ending homelessness one person at a time

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Dear Cascade Neighbor:

The Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) is working on a new housing development in the Cascade neighborhood of South Lake Union.

- 424 Minor Avenue North, between Republican and Harrison Streets
- Next door to LIHI's Cascade Minor Senior Housing project
- DESC will own and operate affordable housing with supportive services for homeless men and women living with mental illness
- Construction start summer 2008

DESC has been an active neighbor in the Cascade community since 1996. DESC's Kerner-Scott House (510 Minor Ave N) was a pioneering development in a neighborhood in transition. Since that time, the Cascade neighborhood has remade itself into one of the most desirable places to live in the city. Today, Kerner-Scott House is the home of the Cascade Neighborhood Council, which meets there each month.

In the ten years since Kerner-Scott House opened its doors, Seattle has seen the cost of housing skyrocket. Currently, over 8,000 people are homeless in King County on any given night. In response, a concerted strategy has been developed to end homelessness across King County through a Ten Year Plan, which was put in place in July 2005 (for more information see www.cehkc.org). One of the three Keys to Success outlined in the Ten Year Plan is the creation of affordable housing with supportive services.

Earlier this month, we presented the new project idea at the regular meetings of the Cascade Neighborhood Council, South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors and the Lake Union District Council. In an effort to get broader neighborhood feedback, we are hosting an informational forum.

**We invite you and anyone who is interested in learning more,
to join us at on Wednesday, March 28th, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.
Please see the enclosed flyer for details.**

For further information about DESC, the other five supportive housing projects we operate, the two projects we have under development, or our shelter, mental health or chemical dependency programs, please visit our website www.desc.org. We also welcome your questions. Please contact the project's manager, Jessica Cohen, at 206-515-1522 or jcohen@desc.org, or our community relations director, Nicole Macri, at 206-515-1514 or nmacri@desc.org.

Warmly,

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