



April Newsletter

Upcoming Events

This Saturday, April 21st from 11-3 pm we will be hosting a vendor Fundraiser at our Birthday Dreams Office in Renton.

All hostess credits will be used to purchase items for our auction.

Vendors:

*Tupperware
Celebrating Home
Party Lite
Scentsy
Mary Elizabeth's Beads
Cookie Lee
Mary Kay
F.A.I.T.H Jewelry
H2O at Home
Do Me A Favor*

Address:
1101 Bronson Way N.
Renton, Wa 98057

Board of Directors

We would like to welcome **Mary Gage** from *Boeing*, **Rebecca Roedell** from *Microsoft* and **Annette Case** from *Specialty Metals Core* to the Birthday Dreams Board of Directors!

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, please contact Chris Spahn, Chris@BirthdayDreams.org or (206) 683-6056.

Dear Chris,

2011 was an amazing year for Birthday Dreams. By giving the gift of a birthday party, we helped bring joy to **344 homeless children!** With the tremendous support we have received from the community, this year we are able to expand to offer our services to more children.

Our goal is to help **800 children** celebrate their birthday in 2012. With the addition of 4 new shelters in the first quarter alone and with your help, we can make that happen.

Yours truly,

Chris Spahn
Birthday Dreams Executive Director



Birthday Dreams Masquerade Dinner and Auction

Join Birthday Dreams for unforgettable auction!

Friday, September 28, 2012
7:00 PM at Maggiano's Little Italy in Bellevue

The auction will include:

- *3 Course Dinner*
- *Delicious Desserts*
- *Live and Silent Auction*

Tickets are \$50. To **register, donate, sign up for sponsorship, volunteer or to be a table captain**, go to:

Volunteers

We are also looking for volunteers and interns. If you are interested, please contact Shannon at Shannon@birthdaydreams.org.

Foremost Printing Donates 10% of Proceeds from your Orders

Foremost Printing helps Birthday Dreams to give the gift a birthday party to homeless children. Foremost Printing is donating a portion of their sales to Birthday Dreams - 10% of the sales of all printing business using promotion code BDD2K012. This is an ongoing offer, so when printing needs come up, call Foremost Printing at 206-501-5372. Files or inquiries can be e-mailed to ken@foremostprinting.com. **BDD2K012** at **Foremost Printing**.

<http://www.birthdaydreams.org>

For questions, contact Shannon at **425.283.8166**.

New Shelters

We are excited to announce that we have added 4 new shelters to the growing list of shelters we support:

The GD Association - Seattle

The GD Association assists homeless teen moms. We have agreed to provide birthdays-in-a-box for both the young moms and the children. They have 2 shelters in Seattle: Airdell Mitchell Home & Teen Parent Home.

Airdell Mitchell Home is a transitional home that assists teen parents as they are transitioning into productive adults.

Teen Parent Home offers housing for homeless teens that lack parenting skills, education, poor nutrition, or have experienced sexual assault.

YWCA Passage Point - Maple Valley

We are excited to host monthly group parties at this location in Maple Valley. Parties are the third Thursday of the month.

St. Stephens Housing Association

St. Stephens Housing Association provides housing and support services for homeless families. There are two locations, Auburn and Kent. We provide birthdays-in-a-box to the children who lives at these shelters.

First Place School - Seattle

Parties at the First Place School are a lot of fun! We play games and have cake and ice-cream as we celebrate the birthdays of the homeless children that attend this school. Parties are on Monday's from 12:30 - 2 pm.

First Place School creates an empowering environment for families struggling to overcome poverty which inspires them to obtain and maintain permanent housing and achieve educational and career goals to bring stability to their lives.

Upcoming Group Parties

Schedule

Each month we have 5 onsite parties. **Volunteering at parties only requires 2 hours to make a difference for a homeless child's birthday.**

April 19th- [YWCA Passage Point](#) - Maple Valley

April 23rd- [First Place School](#) (school for homeless children)

April 24th- [Union Gospel Mission: Hope Place](#)

May 8th- [YWCA: The Family Village in Redmond](#) - Seattle

May 15th - [YWCA East Cherry](#) - Seattle

May 17th- [YWCA Passage Point](#) - Maple Valley
[Mamma's Hands](#) - North Bend

[Click here](#) to see a calendar of upcoming group parties.

What's Been Happening

We would like to give a big thank you to the following organizations for their generous donations!

Eastside Community Aid Thrift Shop donated \$5,000

The Creag Foundation donated \$1,000

The Next Curve donated \$500

Kiwanis Club of Kent - AM donated \$170

Thank you to **T-Mobile** for donating their time for making goodie bags, and wrapping presents for the First Place party.

Thank you to **New Life Church** small groups for making goodie bags.

A big thank you to **Microsoft** for matching funds and its employees for being so supportive.

Lastly, we would like to thank **Sam's Club** and its employees for continuing to support our cause both financially and with volunteerism. Greatly appreciated!