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Welcome!

"Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest; Home-keeping hearts are happiest."

- Henry W. Longfellow, 1807 - 1882



Now That's What We Call Going Local!



SPOKANE - **Employee Benefits Fair** with Lucy Tran-Dahlke

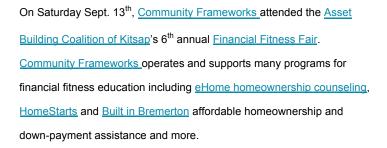
On Friday August 1st, Lucy and Melody from <u>Community Frameworks'</u> headquarters in Spokane, WA attended the <u>Northern Quest Casino</u>
Employee Benefits Fair. This is an annual event that <u>Northern Quest</u>
<u>Casino</u> hosts primarily for their employees' educational benefit. As our
6th year in attendance, this event has shown us the casino's dedication to employee wellness.

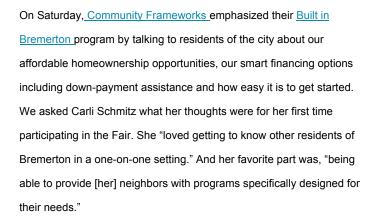
We often support fairs and community events like this one to make it easier for the area residents to learn about their housing options, the services we provide, and give recommendations for other nonprofit services in the area.

Not only was the event a great way to get and stay connected with the members of our community, but as Lucy put it, "We benefitted from learning about the other vendors there." Knowing more about other resources in the area helps us provide a solution to the needs of more people, more neighbors, more families and more friends.

Together we will make a difference.

BREMERTON - <u>Financial Fitness Fair</u> with Carli Schmitz





We had a great time at the financial fitness fair meeting wonderful people, sharing our story and helping the community find better ways to support themselves and their families. We are all in this together.

If you would like <u>Community Frameworks</u> to attend your upcoming event, just email or call our Marketing & Fundraising department at <u>carlis@communityframeworks.org</u> or 360-377-7738 ext 332.





Photo: <u>Habitat for Humanity of Seattle</u> Dedication Ceremony with <u>Community Frameworks' NextStep</u>

Program

Community Frameworks is in the News!

- See how we connect with <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> in this <u>Letter from the</u> <u>Director</u>.
- View our new Built in Bremerton SEEfilm Movie Commercial HERE!
- Check us out in the <u>National CLT Network Article</u>.
- Our <u>SafePlace</u> Improvement made it in <u>The Olympian!</u>
- Get connected and hear more by liking our <u>Facebook</u> page and following us on <u>Twitter</u> for live feeds!



Spotlight Team Member
Intern Octavio Blanco

Octavio Blanco joined <u>Community Frameworks</u> about 2 months ago with the <u>California Coalition for Rural Housing</u> internship program here in the Pacific Northwest. He has already made strides with the company learning and teaching important lessons in the affordable housing industry. We are so happy to have him on board.

The most impressive thing we have found about Octavio so far is his sheer passion for learning. When telling us about his intensive

Schedule juggling his internship and full-time classes at Whitworth University, he simply replied that it "makes the job really fun, because I love the challenges. So, it's a win-win for me." That perspective is what makes Octavio a big hit in the office and in the industry. He is set out to make a difference, has the right tools to do so and has already started. This positive attitude doesn't stop there; he goes on to show us his appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about housing and homelessness with Community Frameworks. "This job is definitely opening different doors for me", Octavio says as he ponders setting goals for after graduation in June 2015. He really likes the industry and is looking into pursuing a nonprofit position as his next career engagement.

Please help us in thanking Octavio for his continued hard work and dedication to our cause by giving him a shout out at octaviob@communityframeworks.org or tweeting @comframehousing today!

New Team Member AmeriCorps VISTA Zach Porting

Say, "Hello" to the newest AmeriCorps VISTA member of our team,

Zach Porting! Zach joined us about 2 weeks ago all the way from

Missouri, excited to further our research on homelessness costs in the

Northwest.

He will learn so much here as it is his first time living in the area. It is important to find new and better ways to promote the many benefits of low-income housing and we are lucky that Zach is here to give it his all!

An anthropology graduate, Zach has a profound interest in using his skills and knowledge to better our society anyway he can.

When we asked his favorite quote, he quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson in saying, "Make yourself necessary to somebody. Do not make life hard to any." His passion will help him grow professionally in research and analysis while helping us overcome the struggles of homelessness and low-income housing.

Please help us give Zach a warm welcome to the Pacific Northwest and

<u>Community Frameworks</u> by sending him a note at



zacharyp@communityframeworks.org or posting on our Facebook

page. We can't wait to see what he has in store for us.



Photo: NeighborWorks(r) Week 2014 Volunteers

Coming Up...

Stay tuned to hear more about how we plan to celebrate our 40th Anniversary and how YOU have a chance to join us!

Learn more about how you can get involved by <u>visiting our website</u> or <u>donating</u> <u>today</u> by clicking the <u>vellow link</u> below.











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