

Housing Matters: Salute to Success awards celebration

Nearly 200 guests enjoyed Housing Development Consortium's third annual *Housing Matters: Salute to Success* awards event, held on October 5, 2004, at Salty's on Alki. The event, sponsored by Washington Mutual, celebrates the accomplishments of HDC members and recognizes individuals and groups in the affordable housing field for their efforts.

Following a welcome by Bettye Wilkes, Washington Mutual Senior Vice President of Employee and Corporate Giving, Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen read a proclamation from the City of Seattle proclaiming October 5, 2004, as Housing Development Consortium Day. HDC received a similar proclamation for Nonprofit Affordable Housing Day from the King County Executive's Office.

Highlighting the event was the recognition of Pedestal Award and Unsung Hero recipients. HDC's highest honor, the Pedestal Award, recognizes individuals and organizations who are great advocates or supporters of affordable housing from the private or public sector and have significantly contributed to affordable housing development in a variety of ways. HDC honored four individuals with this award for 2004.

Tim Otani, First Vice President of Corporate and Employee Giving for Washington Mutual, was recognized for his unwavering, longtime support of affordable housing. Tim has been a pioneer in understanding the importance of providing operational support to nonprofits rather than simply funding capital projects. He realizes that basic operation support is just as important and essential to sustaining an organization in order to do good work.

Katherin Johnson, Housing and Human Services Manager for the City of Kent, also received a Pedestal Award. Katherin has been a strong advocate with political leaders in South King County regarding the need for affordable housing, ranging from transitional to permanent. She is a recognized leader and has providing funding for many projects in the south county.

Marilyn Sanden, executive vice president and senior title officer, and **Dian Maxwell**, executive vice president and escrow manager, both of Pacific Northwest Title Company received Pedestal Awards for their "above and beyond" attitude and efforts when working with HDC members on tax credit partnerships and non-tax credit affordable housing projects.

Twenty-three nonprofits nominated "Unsung Heroes" for recognition. Unsung Heroes included nonprofit staffers, volunteers, board director and others working closely with the nonprofits. These folks are shining examples of the diversity of skills and talents that it takes to make an organization successful. Each does an outstanding job -- often behind-the-scenes and not recognized -- contributing to their organization's success.

Unsung Heroes included: **Shelley Dooley**, Archdiocesan Housing Authority; **Ann Winters & Liz Ali**, Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program; **Thurston Muskelley**, Central Area Development Association; **Kristin Porritt**, Common Ground; **Johnny Searle**, Community Psychiatric Clinic; **Philippa Nye**, Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association; **Valerie Kendall**, Downtown Action to Save Housing; **Leonard Franklin**, Habitat for Humanity of Seattle-South King County; **Quinnie Tan**, Homestead Community Land Trust; **Knute Brinchmann**, Housing Resources Group; **Theresa McGowan-Palmer**, Intercommunity Housing; **Richard Mar**, Inter*Im; **John Sotus**, Low Income Housing Institute; **Amy Ortiz**, Lutheran Alliance to Create Housing; **Connie Uy**, Mount Baker Housing Association; **Linda Purlee**, Multi-Service Center; **Robert Davis**, Pioneer Human Services; **Moselle Horiuchi**, Plymouth Housing Group; **Jody Friend**, St. Andrew's Housing Group; **Meyta Lin**, SCIDPDA; **Claude Forward**, South East Effective Development, and **Leslie Leber**, YWCA.