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a catalyst
for ending homelessness

March 25, 2009

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Please join us on May 5th for *Be The Change: A Benefit Luncheon for Building Changes*. **Danny Glover**, Acclaimed Actor & Producer and Leading Social Activist, will be our keynote

speaker. In addition, we will be honoring **The Boeing Company** and **Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound** for their legacy of outstanding support and commitment to our work and the community.

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On Thursday, March 19th, more than 20 public and private community partners affirmed their deep and shared commitment to reducing family homelessness in Washington State, pledging to reduce by 5000 the number of children and their family members experiencing homelessness in our state over the next decade.

The historic agreement was formalized at a ceremony in South Seattle where a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by Governor Gregoire, County Executives from King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties, the Mayors of Seattle, Everett and Tacoma, and numerous representatives from local housing authorities, the philanthropic community, corporate allies and beyond.

"We have a unique opportunity to reduce, and one day end, family homelessness through stronger prevention efforts aimed at helping families increase their incomes and stability," said Betsy Lieberman, Building Changes Executive Director. "Building Changes has a proven record of success in assisting communities in their design and implementation of employment and job training programs targeting people who are homeless, and we look forward to deepening our work in this arena as a partner in the MOU."

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Homelessness in King County

In King County alone, some 1,000 young people between 18 and 25 years old are homeless at any given time. Building Changes is working to end homelessness in the State of Washington, and our efforts are bringing the needs of homeless young adults to policymakers and funders. Last year, Building Changes' staff led the establishment of strategies for ending young adult homelessness in King County and also helped design a competitive proposal that resulted in funding for 15 service-enriched young adult housing units in Federal Way, Auburn, and Kent. [Read more >>](#)



Blue and Jaclyn (with her daughter Wednesday), Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS) staffers and youth advocates

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