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## **Reconnecting and Renewing**

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Evening of Inspiration event! It's a bit unbelievable that this was our first in person event since 2019, and we are so grateful that our community could come together again and celebrate our work. Whether you were able to attend in person or you sent us well-wishes and support from afar, we are grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with our wonderful community.

We were so inspired by the attendance and the generosity of our friends and neighbors. You helped us raise \$123,071 for our programs! The past two years have been challenging but being back with our community reminded me that we can get through anything together. We got to hear inspirational client stories, including the new beginnings for two clients who live in our new Rise at Yancy Street building, who are finding hope and opportunity in their new homes. You can see the <u>video of their stories here</u>. So much is possible when we find connection with ourselves and others, and to our shared community.

This renewed connection means so much to all of us at TR, and your support will help us continue to provide safety, stability, and hope to our clients. Your connection and support make such a difference in the lives of those we serve. As we resume activities and pastimes that we've been without for the past couple of years, we look forward to seeing you more in the future and reconnecting with you.

Thank you again for all of your support.

remain hopeful and optimistic, especially with all of the challenges we see in our community, but I'm here to tell you that change can happen. I have witnessed it every day for close to thirty years and it's why I've dedicated most of my professional career to Transitional Resources."

"I know it can be hard to

-Darcell Slovek-Walker, CEO of Transitional Resources

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# **Community Updates**

TR's work is only possible with support from our community. Thank you for being a part of our mission!

## **Impact West Seattle Gift**

Once again, we are humbled and grateful by the generosity of a compassionate collective of women, Impact West Seattle. This amazing group is committed to supporting the work that local nonprofits are doing in the Greater Seattle Area. They selected Transitional Resources for the recipient for their recent meeting focusing on homelessness and received over \$17,000!

Each quarter the group picks a cause and nominates three organizations and picks a winner for the collective funds. We have had the honor of being nominated and received funds in 2019 to help our Rise at Yancy Street project get off the ground. These funds ended up being incredibly helpful as we experienced construction delays due to COVID and the West Seattle Bridge closure. We are grateful for the continued support of Impact West Seattle to ensure those we serve continue to receive services and support to lead safe and meaningful lives!

### **Advocacy Efforts to Save TR from DEL-6**

Thank you for your voice! Earlier this year, we asked you for help to advocate to Sound Transit to preserve TR and our services. We appreciate the community rallying behind us to advocate for our services, programs, and clients. While the DEL-6 option that threatened our facilities did move forward, we are continuing to work with the Sound Transit Board and our local elected officials to minimize impacts to TR.

The process is still ongoing and there is still a lot of work ahead, but we are making our needs known and engaging as much as possible to make sure our services stay intact. The final decision of the Sound Transit board for the rail placement will be in February 2023. We look forward to updating you on ways to participate in our advocacy efforts!

Thank you again for all of your support.

# **Inspiring Stories**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Evening of Inspiration event this year! Together we raised \$123,071! Each and every gift is important in ensuring we can keep our doors open and everything operating as smoothly as possible during this time. Your gift will help us:

- Broadly support our staff, clients, and our day-to-day operations to ensure that those we serve find the connections they need to remain safe, stable, and housed in the community.
- Close the gap in our budget that public funding leaves;
- Ensure people remain safely housed and engaged in behavioral health treatment.

We had the pleasure of hearing many inspiring stories during the evening, and our hearts were full of compassion and hope as we continue to move forward in these times of recovery.

Our CEO, Darcell Slovek-Walker, spoke about how we've persevered these past years through ongoing challenges. As she mentioned, it has been a tough time for places like TR due to staffing shortages and stagnant funding, but we do have a lot to celebrate, including opening our doors at our Rise at Yancy Street building. After many years of planning and construction, Rise has been open for nearly a year! We have welcomed 44 new clients to our community, and we heard from two of the clients currently living at Rise about their journeys and how much having a place to call home means to them.

One of our long-term clients, Joey, shared his journey and experience with our audience to a standing ovation. He illustrated how TR helped him in his transformation from a scared 19-year-old diagnosed with schizophrenia to a now 30-year-old college graduate and successful advocate for mental health issues. His story is one that many of our clients share--one of hope, recovery, and moving forward to lead safe and meaningful lives in our community.

We also heard from our Avalon Neighbors who were this years' Community Citizenship Award Recipients. We were humbled by their very kind words about TR, and we thank them for working with us on advocacy efforts to Sound Transit.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff and community, we are still here providing behavioral health treatment and supportive housing to those who need it. Whether it's our amazing Avalon community, our new Rise community, and everyone in between, we all benefit from creating a community that helps and protects one another.

"Thank you to Transitional Resources for a great place for people who really, really need it. They see us, so let's see them." -Paul, Avalon Neighbor

## **Stay Connected!**

Be sure to follow us on social media for updates and on what's going on at the agency!

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For the past 35 years, National Equity Fund has worked with partners across the country in service of our mission to create and deliver innovative, collaborative financial solutions to expand the creation and preservation of affordable housing. As a nonprofit, everything we do is rooted in our vision that all individuals and families across the country have access to stable, safe and affordable homes that provide a foundation for them to reach their full potential.

We are proud to partner with Northwest Fire Systems to keep our clients safe all year.

Thank you for joining us as Platinum Sponsors for this year's event!



Check out their new website: https://nwfiresystems.com/

# Thanks to Buchanan General Contracting for their Community Champion Sponsorship!



A word from our sponsor:

"Special thanks to Transitional Resources for strengthening our community."

Connect with them at: <a href="http://www.buchanangc.com/">http://www.buchanangc.com/</a>

We are always looking for like-minded and compassionate community partners to help us move our mission forward. This includes:

- Day-of service volunteer opportunities
- In-kind donations
- Sponsorship opportunities

If you are interested in learning more about partnerships and sponsorship opportunities, contact Kristen Johnson at kristenj@transitionalresources.org or 206-883-2049

# Thank You to all of our 2022 Evening of Inspiration Sponsors

# Community Champions















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We are incredibly grateful to our amazing sponsors this year! Their support made or first event in several years possible. At our highest level, we once again had the support of **Nucor Steel Seattle.** Their many years of consistent support to TR has made them wonderful neighbors, and we appreciate their commitment to our mission! We were very excited to have **Buchanan General Contracting** increase their sponsorship to our Community Champion level as well this year. Buchanan has been a wonderful partner since their involvement in our Rise at Yancy Street project, and we are proud to have their steadfast support!

Thank you to our pharmacy partners, MATRX Pharmacy, for their Platinum Sponsorship. Their continued dedication and compassion for our clients truly touches our hearts. Thank you to Lotus Development Partners for their Platinum Sponsorship as well this year! We are thankful for their continued support as a sponsor and their help on our Rise building. We also want to thank National Equity Fund for their Platinum Sponsorship--their support for our shared mission for affordable housing mean so much to us. And thank you to Northwest Fire Systems for their increase to Platinum Sponsorship this year! We are grateful for their continued support for our event and for their dedication to keeping our facilities safe for our staff and clients!

We also thank our Gold Sponsor Catalysis, and Silver Sponsors Kantor Taylor and SMR Architects.

Thank you again to the community-minded companies and organizations who help support our mission!