Dear Mercy Housing Supporters,

2017 marked significant milestones for Mercy Housing Northwest as we recognized the 25th year of our founding by five Catholic women religious communities. This last year was a major leap in accomplishing our vision to address the housing needs of low-income individuals and families. I am grateful for all of your support that powered our achievements. You are a diverse and compassionate group, and our work is a true reflection of your priorities and generosity.

You believe as I do that MHNW has a unique and creative approach to providing affordable housing and supportive services. Your donations, volunteer time and support of our events demonstrate how much we can accomplish together when your belief is channeled into action.

You stood by us as we significantly expanded our presence in Seattle, with a particular focus on helping more families afford to live and stay in the city. While the Seattle housing market is prioritizing smaller and smaller housing units, MHNW is prioritizing two-bedrooms and larger, and for families on the margins.

You supported us as we ensured the beautifully diverse populations that live at our communities were well-supported, with ESL and citizenship services, legal help and culturally competent staff.

You made it possible to continue the positive inroads we are making in having healthy communities. Through our creative health and housing program, more Mercy Housing residents have a family doctor they see regularly and have reduced their ER visits. You believe that truly affordable housing encompasses services that ensure our residents will lead healthy and safe lives.

Thank you, on behalf of the entire Mercy Housing family and the residents we serve, for contributing to our vision.

Many thanks,

Bill Rumpf
President, Mercy Housing Northwest
2017 Highlights

**Family Housing** Added 188 new homes and broke ground on Mercy Magnuson Place, offering 148 affordable homes in Northeast Seattle.

**Health & Housing** There was a 7% drop in ER visits by residents over the past three years.
School Success
Sterling Meadows, a 50-home farm-working community in Bellingham celebrated its fifth consecutive year of 100% graduation rate for high school seniors. (38 Sterling Meadows youth have graduated since 2011, and 25 have gone on to pursue higher education)

Big News
$35 million partnership with Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and the City of Seattle to develop 95 family apartments and a Family Resource and Education Center serving homeless and at-risk families.

A Milestone Year
Whether you helped us prepare 1,000+ youth residents with backpacks & school supplies or joined us for the opening of our new home in Othello, thank YOU for making our milestone 25th year a most memorable one!
Mercy Othello Plaza, 108 new affordable homes for families in Southeast Seattle.

In March 2017, Mercy Othello Plaza opened steps from the Othello LINK light rail station, making schools and job centers more accessible to residents. It now serves as the new flagship office for MHNW operations.
Joining a Community

Kadijatou, a mother of five, was born in The Gambia and moved to the U.S. six years ago. She and her husband had been living in the Rainier Beach neighborhood in Southeast Seattle, but rising rent almost forced them to leave.

Kadijatou’s family moved to Mercy Housing’s Emerald City Commons four years ago, and they’ve excelled with the onsite services supporting them every step of the way. She took ESL classes through Resident Services programming, and this allowed her to eventually enter a U.S. citizenship course, both of which are Mercy Housing programs. In the fall, Kadijatou passed her citizenship test, and is now a U.S. citizen. Her daughter, Mariam, a senior at Rainier Beach High School, helped Kadijatou study for the test. When asked about her mother’s accomplishments, Mariam smiles with joy talking about her mother’s success learning English. Mariam was overjoyed when her mother spoke on stage at the Power of Home breakfast in front of over 500 guests.

Kadijatou attends various health programs, including Road to Good Health, where she learned to incorporate more physical activity and better eating habits into her weekly routine. “My mother was so inspired after taking this program that she bought an exercise bike and uses it regularly,” says Mariam.

Mariam was motivated to volunteer at events after seeing the positive impact they make on her community. She’s close with the onsite Resident Services Coordinator, who she describes as “accessible, willing to help, and always provides mentorship.” MHNW connected Mariam with employment resources and helped her find work with the Rainier Beach Action Coalition. She is now a Youth Outreach worker, engaging the community in programs that focus on crime prevention in the Rainier Beach neighborhood. She’ll graduate from high school this year and plans to continue her education and pursue a degree in Sociology and Health studies. She is inspired to help others and wants to ensure that her community has access to the same health, employment and educational resources that her family does at Mercy Housing.
By the Numbers

Mercy Housing Northwest owns 54 properties serving 5,046 residents.

Mercy Housing Northwest built two new communities and opened 188 new homes in Washington.

Median Resident Annual Income $20,900 less than half the $49,177 per household needed to afford rent in Washington State — National Low Income Housing Coalition 2017 report

Expenses by Program**

- Housing Development 39%
- Resident Services 27%
- Property Operations 20%
- Fundraising 14%

** The financial information included in this presentation is preliminary, unaudited, and subject to revision upon completion of Mercy Housing’s closing and 2017 audit process.
3,350 residents at Mercy Housing Northwest properties received 106,375 Resident Services

Resident Services programs:

- Health & Wellness
- Out-of-School Time
- Community Engagement
- Housing Stability
- Financial Stability

Program Efficiency Ratio

Percentage of total expenses that goes directly toward program activities
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