

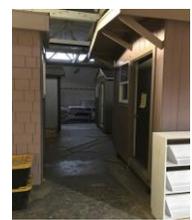
# To all **Building Dreams** supporters

## 1/22/19 update

**Building Dreams** update ... but first allow me to sermonize a bit on MLK Day. We remember and honor MLK today, a dreamer like us, outspoken about justice who faced the crisis of his time with the following words of conviction:

*“We are faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there IS such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”*

For me, and I hope for all of you who have participated in the **Building Dreams** program, just as important as to ‘what’ we have done this year (built 12 houses for the homeless), is the ‘why’ we do it. What faith, what belief, what sense of responsibility and commitment move us forward with such a mission? Though our simple work of building shelters may not be as publically visible, as socially disruptive, or as politically transforming as MLK’s work of 70 years ago, it too is urgent work. It too is done out of a sense of justice. And we too go about it vigorously with what we believe is positive action. And in that work, that positive action, we overcome our own apathy, complacency and paralysis of this homelessness crisis. May our work inspire others to dream along with us and in our own little way, make it a better world for all.



Bundled in cold weather gear, the **Building Dreams** volunteers returned to a somewhat chilly warehouse eager to work on the four incomplete and damaged LIHI units that we had brought into the warehouse in early December. All final punch-list items on these four should be completed this week ... bringing **Building Dreams’** total count to 16!

Last week three of **Building Dreams** units were delivered to Olympia and put into service. Unfortunately we still have over 15 units in the warehouse yard waiting for sites to be developed. Somewhat disheartening as tents continue to crop up all around the City.

In March we are planning to build a unit on a north end Church parking lot in collaboration with the Blue Bumble Bees - an amazing group of 13 year olds who raised \$2,500 with the ambition and dreams of building a tiny house for the homeless. You really must check out the website of these young movers and shakers. Go to:

<https://bluebumblebeesnch.wixsite.com/bluebumblebee>

Awfully inspiring!



Later in the spring we will be coordinating with Mercer Island United Methodist Church to build another unit .... and the beat goes on. No apathy around here – thanks for your support!

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