



Community Chronicle

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Families In Transition Success Story:

Gratitude, goodness and grace helps one family graduate this THA program

By Vaelupemaua "Lupe" Anitaema



THA Caseworker Valorie Le (left) presents Lupe Anitaema (right) with a Certificate of Achievement after Lupe completed the Families In Transition (FIT) program.

My name is Vaelupemaua "Lupe" Anitaema, and I am one of the blessed families that was introduced to the Families In Transition (FIT) program. This program benefits families that are (or were) in a homeless situation like myself.

As a participant in the FIT program, I was able to build up my self-esteem, which created a new person in me and also gave me a different perspective in life at a time when I had lost sight of who I was. The FIT program helped me to create a new beginning with a firm foundation and a stable ground to build myself and my family's lifestyle.

We were blessed to be assigned to Valorie Le, a THA caseworker that motivated and encouraged us in ways

that built a strong bond in my family, especially to find the goodness in us through "love."

Living in the Salishan community is a "blessing" to my little family and me. Salishan is a community of diversity with different beliefs and different cultures, that all bind us together, to create the beauty and uniqueness of the "Salishan Community."

I was also blessed by great supporters like the Community Health Advocates (CHAs) through Healthy Generations, facilitated by Lisa Miller and Gretchen Hansen, and I've been blessed to become a Salishan Community Health Advocate.

Being a CHA is a challenge and an amazing opportunity to be giving back

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NOTICE

In November and December 2016, THA is transitioning to a new computer system that will improve our ability to serve you.

During This time, THA staff will be training and preparing to convert our system, which may impact our response time to customers.

We sincerely apologize for any inconveniences and will try hard to minimize the impacts to our response time and service.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Salishan 1, 2 Tiffany Price, Site Manager	207-4408
Salishan 3, 4 Tonyia Coleman, Site Manager	207-4423
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Property Management Assistant Hope Center	682-6209
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PIERCE COUNTY VOTES!

Do you?



November 8 General Elections

Accessible Voting

Voting Centers provide voters the opportunity to vote privately and independently using accessible touch screen voting equipment. Accessible voting units are easy to use, and Elections staff are available to assist voters.

Voting on accessible touch screen voting equipment is available 18 days prior to each election at the Pierce County Election Center during normal business hours. To vote on a touch screen, bring photo ID and don't return your ballot.

Felons and Voting Rights

If you have been convicted of a felony, your right to vote is restored as long as you are not under the authority (in prison or on community custody) of the Department of Corrections. Once your right is restored, you must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

Get Out & VOTE!

Make Your Voice Count

You can drop off your ballot at ballot box locations around Tacoma and Pierce County. THA offers ballot boxes at Salishan and also at THA's main office, 902 South L Street. To find a ballot box location near you, go to this interactive map on Pierce County's Election website:

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=328>



Do You Need Help
**Building Your
 Financial Future?**

Let Us Help You Build an ACTION PLAN for:

- Financial Coaching • Credit Building • Bank Accounts**
- Homebuyer Education • Microloans • Car Loans**
- Tax Preparation • Loan Education • Down Payment Assistance**
- Expense Tracking • Goal Planning • Referral Services**



Contact Daniel Smith:
 (253) 284-9480
dsmith@tacomahousing.org



DO YOU RUN OUT OF MONEY BEFORE YOU RUN OUT OF MONTH?

Beginning this Fall, THE HILLTOP-CENTER FOR STRONG FAMILIES can help you:

The Center for Strong Families helps Hilltop residents create a more prosperous future through employment navigation, financial coaching, access to financial products, benefits access, and income supports for you and your family. With multiple services and agencies in one central location, the Center for Strong Families will help you to achieve stability and financial well-being.

Center for Strong Families partners provide services such as:

- Job readiness/ job placement/ career advancement
- One-on-one career and financial coaching
- Assistance enrolling in public benefits

Contact Tim Jumper:
1106 M.L.K. Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
tim@soundoutreach.org
 or call (253) 593- 2111 Ext. 111

FIT Success Story (continued from Page 1)

to the community of Salishan, to share with them my experience of "Survivor" thinking (if I can do it, they can too). Advocating for my community allows me to navigate to Salishan Association. As a CHA, I regularly volunteer for picking up trash in our community as a part of "Litter Crew."

Being a CHA has also allowed me to get to know the Salishan Community Builder who coordinated the Litter Crew, and I got to know the Tacoma City Councilman, Marty Campbell. All of these amazing opportunities are tied up together through THA, and I cannot thank them enough.

I have gained so much confidence and skills, the courage to engage and to share it back to my community, and to express to those who are in need for this program.



Attend A FREE Financial Class!

Do you have the skills to pay the bills?

Next class is Tuesday/Thursday,
 Nov. 1 - Nov. 17 from 6 to 8 PM

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Call or email Michele at (253) 207-4443;
mcourvoisier@tacomahousing.org

All classes held at the Salishan FIC
 1724 East 44th St.

*Note: Classes are open to the public,
 and you can attend one or all classes.*



THA has a WorkSource computer lab located in the Family Investment Center (FIC). The lab contains computers with internet access, a printer and a fax machine. Please feel free to make use of this valuable resource.

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and closed on Wednesdays.

The FIC is located at 1724 E. 44th St., Tacoma, WA 98404.
 The FIC's phone number is (253) 207-4443.

Meet Charles Taylor: Empowered by the Center For Strong Families

Charles Taylor has a vibrant background. From working at the port as a Marine carpenter, to photographing pieces for archival at Chihuly studios, he has proven that he is able to do whatever he puts his mind to.

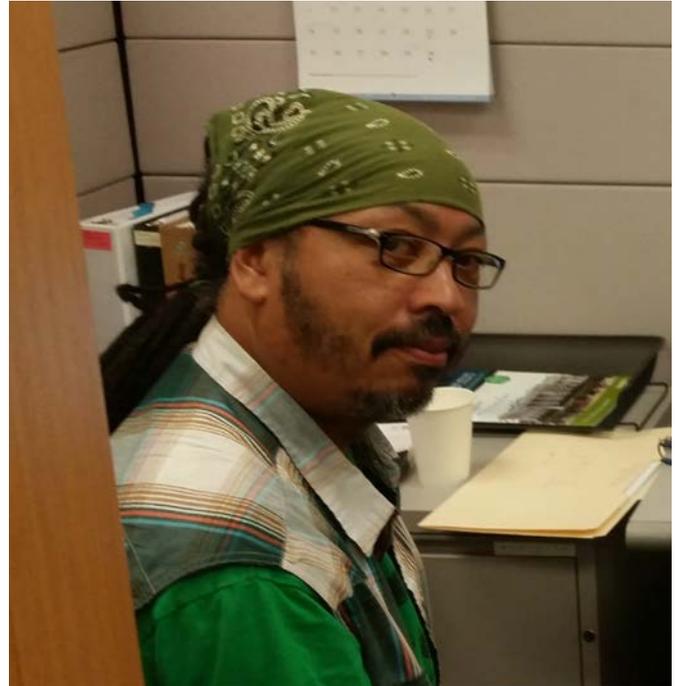
After graduating from the TOOL Center pre-apprenticeship course offered at Bates this summer, he was connected to the Hilltop Center for Strong Families (CSF). The CSF coached Charles to strengthen his resume and cover letter writing skills in order for him to obtain regular employment. Charles is also receiving one-on-one income supports and financial counseling to improve his credit and fortify his assets.

Even still, Charles has greater goals. His vision is to kickstart his own business, in addition to working on one of his passions — photography. The CSF is connecting him to small business learning opportunities and supporting his growth as an entrepreneur. While Charles grows with the CSF, he continues to be an active member of the Tacoma community. Currently, he serves on the Earnability Task Force spearheaded by the Pierce County United Way, an initiative aimed to assist Pierce County families secure living wages.

“The rewards of giving your time to others are just as valuable as financial success,” Charles says about community service.

The Hilltop CSF, lead by Sound Outreach, offers integrated income, financial and employment services to families. The CSF’s holistic approach aims to provide clients the capacity and skills to earn, keep and grow their wealth through intensive counseling, coaching, income supports and connection to employment training in growing career fields.

Partnering with other services in the Hilltop and greater Tacoma area, the CSF aims not only to uplift families, but to strengthen the community in the face of gentrification. The Hilltop CSF is one of two Tacoma locations serving as a model for future Centers in Pierce County.



Bates GED Classes

Monday - Thursday
4:45 pm—7:00 pm

- Small class size
- Instruction materials
- Practice tests
- Individual help
- Convenient location

If interested in attending the Bates GED classes, contact Tanya Lundgaard at 253-752-6254

Family Investment Center
1724 East 44th Street
Tacoma, WA 98404

When You Invest, They Succeed!
**Children's Savings
 Account Program**



**For Students Who
 Live in Salishan**



We want education after high school to be affordable. Students graduating with as little as \$500 in a savings account are three times more likely to attend college.

The Children's Savings Account program can help!

The **Elementary School Stage** features Matched Savings Accounts in which THA will match your deposits up to \$400 per year. The **Middle & High School Stage** features the Scholar Incentive Program in which you can continue building savings, plus participate in college readiness activities.

For more info, go to www.tacomahousing.net/csa

Plan your Financial Independence with
Tacoma Housing Authority's



Family Self-Sufficiency Program

You can earn up to \$8,500.00 by meeting your goals!



▶ What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program?

Employment and savings incentive program • Individualized case management
Improve your educational level • Pre-employment training • Job readiness skills
Credit & banking Information • Increase self-reliance • Overcome barriers to progress

▶ Attend an Upcoming Orientation to learn more!

All classes held at the FIC: 1724 East 44st Street, Tacoma, WA 98404

Tuesday, November 15th • 10 AM to Noon

Tuesday, January 10th • 10 AM to Noon

BENEFITS

- Connections to local colleges and job-training programs
- Helps you find and maintain employment
- Develop strategies to increase your income
- Helps you prepare for homeownership
- Goal-setting for a successful future
- And much more ...

MORE INFORMATION

You must attend an orientation before enrolling in the FSS program. Contact:

Sharon F. Jackson (253) 274-5586
Tammy Hoang (253) 207-4446
Mariya Yakimenko (253) 207-4442

www.tacomahousing.net/content/family-self-sufficiency-program



APPRENTICESHIPS which one works for you?

What do you know about apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are educational programs that offer you an opportunity to earn while you learn!

There are over 100 apprenticeship programs offered in Washington State! These opportunities offer on-the-job training that doesn't require assistance through financial aid programs.

For more information

Contact Nicole Fillmore-Meshesha at (253) 207-4414 or nmeshesha@tacomahousing.org

United Way of Pierce County has developed a new web site to assist **Section 3** eligible workers connect with opportunities through **Tacoma Housing Authority, Pierce County Housing Authority, City of Tacoma, and other HUD funding recipients.**

www.piercecountysection3.com

SALISHAN WALKS!

A STEP AHEAD

Join a walking group to:

- Have fun with neighbors & friends
- Stay active as weather gets colder
- Enjoy health benefits of walking

For information, call Salishan Community Health Advocates: (253) 682-0190

Affordable Spay & Neuter

Saving Lives Through Prevention

Surgery Prices

Male Cats: \$35

Female Cats: \$55

Male Dogs: \$75-\$115

Female Dogs: \$85-\$130

Feral/Free-roaming cat package: \$10

Financial Assistance May Be Available.

Animal Shuttle now available. Check our website for schedule and pickup locations.

Microchips, parasite control and vaccines available at the time of surgery, too.

Contact

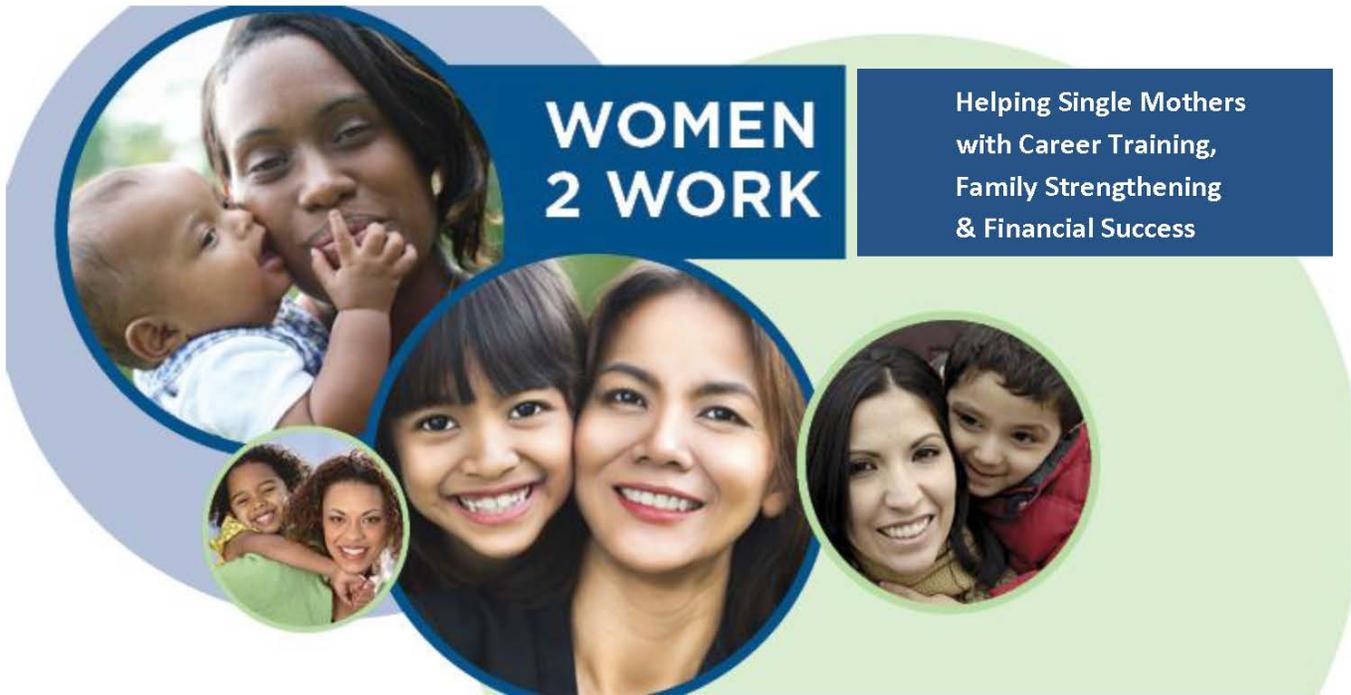
Northwest Spay&Neuter Center

6401 Pacific Ave.

Tacoma, WA 98408

(253) 627-7729

www.nwspayneuter.org



WOMEN 2 WORK

Helping Single Mothers
with Career Training,
Family Strengthening
& Financial Success

Women 2 Work is an employment and education training program geared toward unemployed single mothers, with at least one child age 8 or younger enrolled with one of our partner sites listed below.

Community partners work with Goodwill to assist with family strengthening skills, job training and employment, with the aim of, within four months of training completion, placing mothers into jobs.

Employed mothers will leave the program with clear career paths and strategies for future advancement in wages and benefits.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

- Family support groups
- Healthy lifestyles education
- Recreation support
- Cooking & nutrition education

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- Vocational assessment
- Technical skills
- GED/High School completion
- Job placement & employment support

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

- Financial education classes
- Financial coaching
- VITA Income Tax filing assistance
- Legal information
- Emergency housing assistance

Contact Morgan if your child attends:

- YMCA Child Care – Bryant, DeLong, Geiger, Lister
- Girl Scouts of Western WA – Blix, Lyon, Roosevelt
- Clover Park Technical College Child Care
- Tacoma Day Care and Preschool Association
- Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center
- Little Village Child Care

Morgan Cain

Desk: 253.573.6853 Cell: 253.302.2347

Email: MorganwhitneyC@goodwillwa.org

Contact Luisa if your child attends:

- Hope Sparks – Fawcett, Franklin, Mann, McCarver, Reed, Sheridan, Stanley, Whitman
- Bates Technical College Child Care – Downtown Campus, South Campus, Eastside, Fife/Milton, Puyallup

Luisa Jensen

Desk: 253.573.6854 Cell: 253.254.3958

Email: LuisaJ@goodwillwa.org

SALISHAN YOUTH KITCHEN



**If you are between the ages
11-15 years old sign up
today!**

Come have fun and cook
healthy recipes that actually
taste good

Complete five sessions and
receive a gift card

Call at (253) 682-0190 or
email Ina at iks0143@gmail.com

New Fall Sessions coming!!

Join us at the 5th Annual Health Harvest Festival!

Hosted by the YMCA Eagle
Center in partnership with
Molina MultiCare, the 5th Annual
Health Harvest Festival is an
interactive family night event
packed with health and safety
awareness and resources,
Thanksgiving baskets, Finger
foods, raffles, Zumba, cooking
demos and more!

**There also will be music
and showcases by the Eagle
Center afterschool program
participants!**

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 17th
6 to 8 PM

WHERE: First Creek
Middle School

FOR MORE INFO:

Fahren Johnson
fjohnson@ymcapkc.org

Salishan Food Lab Cooking for Diabetes

*Fun classes! You choose
recipes & help cook! Meet new
people! Nurse on site to answer
questions!*



Mondays, Nov. 14th and Nov. 21st:
5 to 7:30 PM

Family Investment Center

1724 E 44th Street

Have a blast while getting healthy!

Win prizes!

Call (253) 682-0190 to register.

11am to 6pm: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday
12pm to 6pm: Sunday (closed Tuesday & Wednesday for programming)

**USED BIKES - USED PARTS - GOOD OLDIES
AFFORDABLE RATES - FULL SERVICE TO!**

BIKES! BIKES! BIKES!

**SECOND CYCLE
COMMUNITY CYCLE CENTER**



 253.327.1916

 1205 ML King Jr. way
Tacoma, wa 98405



Salishan Community Health Advocates (CHAs)

Resource experts ~ Community Leaders Trusted Advisors
YOUR Neighbors

Do YOU have what it takes to become an Advocate?

What We Do:

- CONNECT people to community resources
- PROVIDE health information, outreach & SUPPORT
- ENGAGE people in community & health activities
- HELP people understand health information and use it in a way that works for them
- EMPOWER residents to make healthy choices
- LISTEN...TEACH.. LEARN...TALK...SUPPORT



You Need to:

- Attend CHA meetings & be willing to learn new things
- Volunteer 20 hours/month
- Have good communication & people skills
- Be willing to help neighbors

Come talk to us today!
1708 East 44th Street
Eastside Medical (1st Floor)
(253) 682-0190
salishancha@chef.org

If you're already helping your neighbors or interested in health, you'd be perfect!



Tacoma Housing Authority
1724 East 44th Street
Tacoma, WA 98404

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Statements of Vision, Mission and Values

Amended February 27, 2013

THA's Vision

THA envisions a future where everyone has an affordable, safe and nurturing home, where neighborhoods are attractive places to live, work, attend school, shop and play, and where everyone has the support they need to succeed as parents, students, wage earners and neighbors.

THA's Mission

THA provides high quality, stable and sustainable housing and supportive services to people in need. It does this in ways that help them prosper and help our communities become safe, vibrant, prosperous, attractive and just.

THA's Values

Service

Work in service to others is honorable. We will do it honorably, effectively, efficiently, with pride, compassion and respect.

Integrity

We strive to uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior.

Stewardship

We will be careful stewards of the public and private financial and environmental resources entrusted to us.

Communication

We value communication. We strive to be open and forthcoming with our customers, employees and colleagues, our partners, and our communities. We will listen to others.

Diversity of Staff

We value the diversity of our staff. It makes us stronger and more effective.

Collegial Support and Respect

The work we do is serious. We seek to create an atmosphere of teamwork, support and respect. We also value a good humor.

Excellence

We strive for excellence. We will always seek to improve.

Leadership

Everyone at THA, the Board, management and staff, shares the leadership it will take to extend these values throughout THA's work, to fulfill the mission and to advance the vision for our city.

