

City of Renton - 2nd Quarter Narrative

April to June 2011

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ARISE has been open nightly with a total of 2023 bed nights and hot meals provided. We served a total of 55 men, with 34 of those newly enrolled this quarter. We were able to assist 13 men with moving into stable housing programs.

Eight of the men from ARISE were awarded an opportunity to participate in the Cedars Project a collaboration of Renton Housing Authority and Catholic Community Services. Three men were placed with a community partner (Sober Solutions - a clean and sober living transitional program), both being disabled. One client moved into a private transitional housing program and is now working part time, as well as attending school full time. The other gentleman was placed in supportive housing, through Sound Mental Health, and is receiving on going case management and mental health treatment.

Through generous donations and grant funding, each of the men in the Cedars Project were also assisted by receiving some essential start up items; such as, a dinette table, love seat and a starter pot and pan set. Other items such as shower curtains, dishes and towels were also given. A few of the men were able to receive some electronic items (televisions and stereos). The men continue to receive onsite case management on a bi-monthly basis that includes budgeting, guidance in clearing up past credit issues, and support as needed.

In the previous quarter, a manufacturing training program through Burst for Prosperity was reported. Five men from ARISE completed all requirements and tested highest in the class. They are now working towards permanent employment in there new fields.

We enrolled a gentleman this quarter, who came to ARISE hoping to restore his life, after spending many years in and out of prison and drug treatment programs. With determination and a new lease on life, he worked diligently with his case manager. He now has permanently housing, been clean and sober for over a year, and maintaining fulltime employment. He has also re-established broken family ties.

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