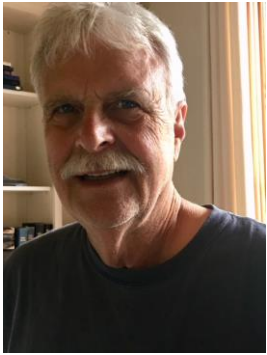




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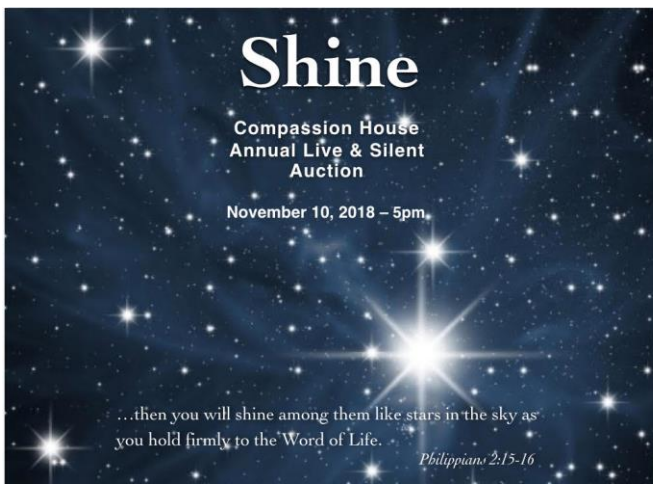
NEW BOARD MEMBER- ED ROBERTS



We are excited to introduce the newest member of the Compassion House board! Ed Roberts has been a resident of Issaquah for 45 years. He and his wife Susie raised their 3 children in the area and also are founding members of Pine Lake Covenant Church. Ed developed many commercial real estate projects in the

Sammamish and Issaquah areas. Their two sons still reside in the area and their daughter resides in Ft. Worth, Texas. They have 7 grandchildren with another one on the way.

SAVE THE DATE



We are excited to announce that the venue for our Annual Live & Silent Auction will be the Issaquah Hilton Garden Inn. A menu has been tasted and selected that is appealing to the eye and the palate. You will not want to miss having this wonderful, fun evening out!

MEET THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- STACEY FISCHL

Please welcome Stacey Fischl to the Compassion House team! Stacey has been in the northwest for the last 5 years after spending 10 years in Texas. She comes with many years of experience working as admin at several churches in the area and is excited to be able to lend her hand now at Compassion House.



Stacey lives in Issaquah with her husband Jamie, three children, one more on the way in July. She is very excited to begin this new calling as part of the ministry of Compassion House.

Message from the Executive Director

As I find myself with six months under my belt as the Director of Compassion House, I discover I am astounded by the amazing organization I have the privilege of serving.

One of the observations I have made is that Compassion House is truly unique in how we care for our residents. Most organizations follow what I call the "agency model." Their efforts are executed by a core of professional case workers, counselors, attorneys, and financial people. Volunteers operate on the periphery, providing such services as transportation and child care.

Compassion House sort of turns the agency model on its head. We mobilize volunteers to do our heavy lifting. They are our case workers. Oh, we have professionals around the periphery who provide the invaluable professional services our residents need. They "look over the shoulders" of our volunteers to assist and equip them to deal with the special challenges they often encounter. Because of our dedicated professional volunteers, every resident is afforded counseling at no charge. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to these caring professionals.

However, truth be told, it is our volunteer case workers who make the major differences in our residents' lives. Our resident team volunteers "do life" with the families in our care. They demonstrate healthy husband-wife and parent-child relationships. They model godly stewardship and healthy boundaries. They show unconditional love to people for whom such love has been in drastically short supply. Because of their dedication, our residents see their dignity restored, and they start to believe there really is hope for the future.

This inverted model is so unique that other ministries have actually "gone to school" on Compassion House to learn how our unique model works. Now, our desire is to see Compassion House replicated in as many communities as possible.

Please join me in praying that God would expand this ministry so that every community develops a heart for the last, the least, and the lost. And thank you, again, for your support of Compassion House. We couldn't function without you.

Rev. Dr. Mark C. Miller
Founder and Executive Director



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THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHURCHES THAT SUPPORT COMPASSION HOUSE

We see ourselves ministering to both our residents and our supporting churches.

Thank you to the following churches who have embraced our ministry as their own:

*Bellevue Presbyterian Church
Community Church of Issaquah
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Eastridge Christian Assembly
Foothills Baptist Church
Issaquah Christian Church
Mountain Creek Christian Fellowship
Our Savior Lutheran Church
St. Joseph's Catholic Church*

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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!"

—John Wesley

HOW CAN I HELP?

We're so glad you asked! For starters, you can...

Volunteer

We always have a need for volunteers. They are the life blood of our ministry and, without them, we cannot support the families who come to us for help.

In addition to serving on a resident team, we need people willing to help us in the following areas:

- building maintenance and repair
- yard maintenance
- administration
- newsletter publication
- car repairs
- medical/dental/legal help
- daycare
- tutoring

Pray

All that we do is directed by God's loving hand. Your prayer support for workers and for residents is priceless.

Donate

Compassion House is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charity. Your donations are tax deductible. Mail in your checks, or look for the PayPal option on our website. Ask if your United Way contribution at work can be designated to Compassion House.

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Refer

If you know someone recovering from domestic abuse who needs transitional housing, just refer them to our website. There, they will find everything they need to fill out an application. Applicants cannot be living in active abuse situations. They must also be clean and sober for at least one year. Finally, applicants must have at least two minor children in order to be eligible for housing with Compassion House.