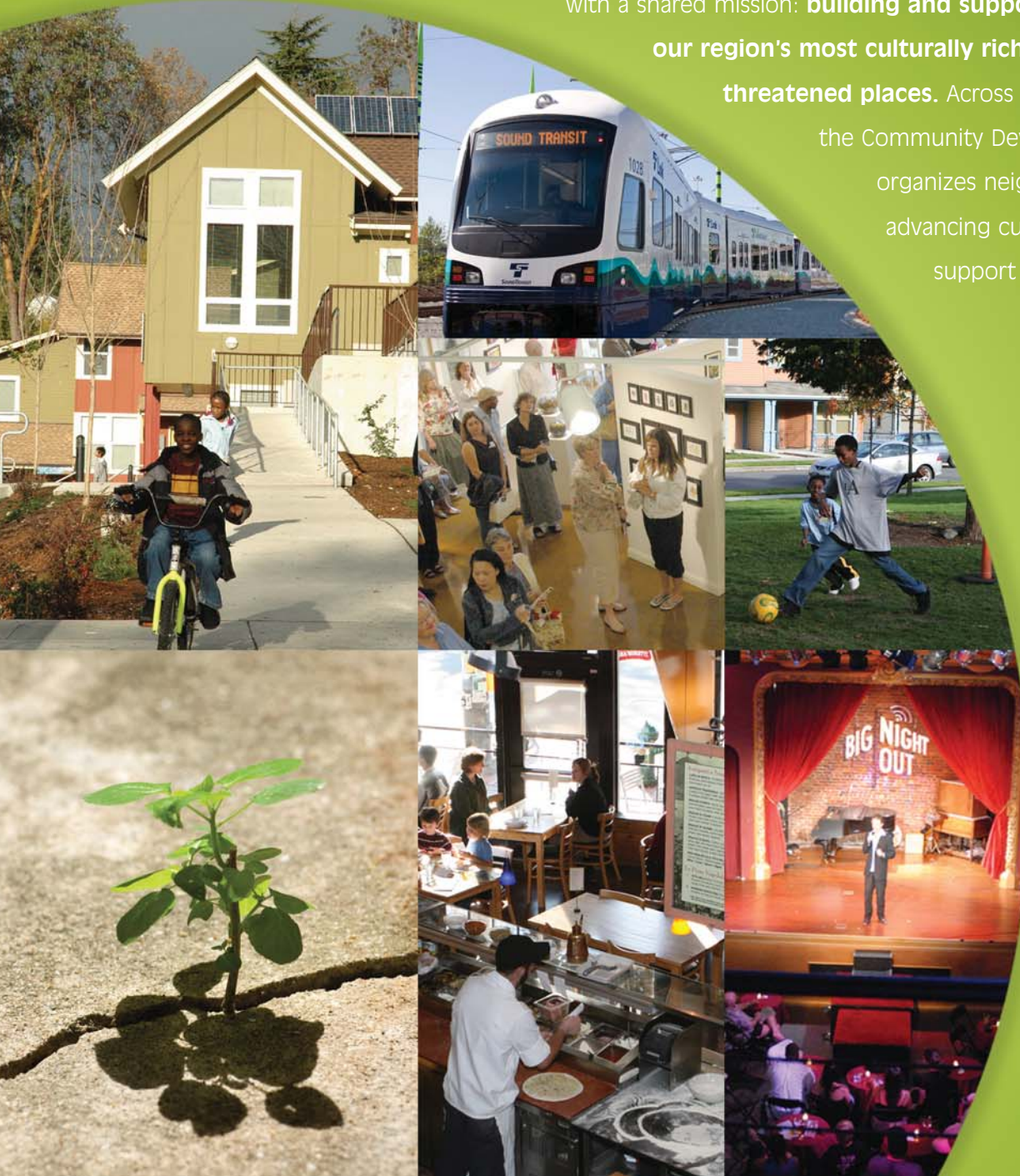


CATALYSTS FOR BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

Healthy and vibrant communities are sources of opportunity, strength, solace and safety. They are places for learning, connecting, and celebrating our heritage. The Community Development Collaborative is an alliance of eight neighborhood-based nonprofits with a shared mission: **building and supporting communities in**

our region's most culturally rich, income diverse, and threatened places. Across our city and our region,

the Community Development Collaborative organizes neighborhoods for change, advancing cutting edge strategies to support and sustain healthy and vibrant communities.



A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VISION FOR SEATTLE

Local communities are a lifeline. That fact goes unnoticed until things go wrong – suddenly place comes into focus. Can you walk down your street safely, get the health care you need, land a job that pays a living wage, buy healthy food, access transportation, find a place to live that you can afford, or enroll in a good school?

The neighborhood-based nonprofits that comprise the Community Development Collaborative serve parts of our community where such challenges threaten the health and vitality of great neighborhoods—Capitol Hill, the Central District, Delridge, the Rainier Valley, White Center, and the Chinatown/International District – and where careful stewardship is needed to preserve and build upon the human and economic potential of Seattle, and of our entire Puget Sound region.

We envision Seattle as a model city of economic vitality and stability, where place does not determine winners and losers, where all residents have access to economic and educational opportunities, housing, and cultural and recreational amenities, and where the economic benefits generated by public and private investments are shared by all.



▲ Residents at a White Center Annual Summit use translation headsets staffed by interpreters to participate in discussion and share opinions about the direction of their community.



▲ Seniors warm up volunteers at Seattle's Chinatown/International District Spring Clean, an annual event where over 400 volunteers work together to clean up the neighborhood.



"Rowan was the turning point for us," Melissa says.

With a history of drug addiction and evictions from housing, Dann and Melissa found it impossible to rent an apartment. Before and after Rowan's birth, they were forced to live in shelters.

A social worker suggested that the family apply for affordable housing through one of Seattle's eight Community Development organizations. With extensive documentation from family, friends, and agencies to support their claims that they were making a fresh start and would be good tenants, Melissa, Dan and Rowan were offered an apartment in March 2007.

"Rowan was five months old when we finally moved in" Melissa recalls. "I cried. We were so grateful."

Housing provided the stability they needed to hold down steady work. Both Dann and Melissa were soon employed (he as a lead sign installer, she as a registered nurse). With a stable home, their lives have change dramatically. Little does Rowan know the transformation that he inspired.

Melissa and Dann say of themselves, and other families like them, "People do transcend poverty; it's possible to succeed. We got that chance."

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT

Bringing capital and other financial resources to neighborhoods that historically have been overlooked

HOMES FOR ALL

Promoting income diversity and ensuring access to housing for low to moderate income, culturally diverse and elderly people

CLEAN & SAFE STREETS

Fostering resident and law enforcement cooperation to make neighborhoods safer

ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

Organizing and advocating for residents, property owners, and small businesses to have an ongoing voice in decisions that affect their lives

GREEN PLACES

Connecting people to their environment through public gardens, open space, play areas, walkways, and trails, reducing reliance on cars, encouraging walking, playing and enjoyment of nature

THRIVING BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Fostering strong small business districts to generate jobs and to provide the goods and services residents need

TRANSIT ACCESS

Creating opportunities in neighborhoods for more transit choices

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Restoring neglected landmarks, structures, and cultural assets to restore community pride and preserve neighborhood character

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Developing the next generation of leadership

ARTS & CULTURE

Creating performance, visual art, and rehearsal venues, and public art to celebrate the cultural legacy and support the vitality of neighborhoods



Find out about how Community Development organizations are benefitting your community and how you can get involved:



www.cada.org

CADA breathed new life into the Central Area of Seattle with Squire Park Plaza, replacing a 30-year vacant lot with 59 affordable and market rate rental apartments, and 11,000 square feet of commercial space to attract businesses, jobs and vitality to this diverse Central Area neighborhood.



www.capitolhillhousing.org

Capitol Hill Housing led the community to complete the Broadway Action Agenda, which included the creation of the new Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce.



www.dnda.org

DNDA secured land and designed the Delridge neighborhood's first branch of The Seattle Public Library/Vivian McLean Place – with 19 apartments for low income families atop the now popular library branch.



www.homesightwa.org

HomeSight strengthened the cultural fabric of three communities adjacent to downtown – Southeast Seattle, Central Area, and Chinatown/International District, completing the construction of the Wing Luke Asian Museum, organizing a three-day community leadership training for 35 resident activists in Southeast Seattle, and breaking ground on the Pontedera Condominiums.



www.interimcda.org

Inter*Im began building its Maynard Green Street project, a pedestrian-friendly, sustainable street model, the first “green street” in the Chinatown/International District.



www.scidpda.org

SCIDpda built affordable housing for over 700 residents, including families and seniors, and built the neighborhood's first public community center and library.



www.seedseattle.org

SEED reclaimed 7 acres of contaminated land in the heart of Seattle's Rainier Valley to create Rainier Court, a nationally recognized housing and retail center serving low-income seniors and families adjacent to transit and a community garden.



www.wccda.org

White Center CDA helped rebirth Mel Olson Baseball Stadium, located at the newly renamed Steve Cox Memorial Park, one of the most heavily utilized stadiums in the region, just one block from the main neighborhood business district.