

Corporate partnerships and volunteerism from Vulcan Inc, its employees and affiliates.

South Lake Union Block Party Benefits Charities

The South Lake Union Block Party was the place to be on August 7, with more than 4,000 guests attending the popular neighborhood celebration. An abundance of food, drink and live music highlighted the event, along with martial arts demonstrations, children's activities, film-watching, wine-tasting and exhibits by local restaurants, farmers markets, and businesses. Now in its fifth year, Vulcan's SLU Block Party has an excellent track record for bringing a profusion of community fun to Westlake and Denny.



Aside from all the fun, the party also has a community benefit component. This year, a total of \$5,000 was donated to Immanuel Community Services (ICS), as well as 400 pounds of non-perishable food items. ICS has provided assistance to individuals and organizations in the South Lake Union neighborhood and greater Seattle area for over 35 years, operating the only food bank in the neighborhood, a community lunch, a hygiene program and a residential recovery program.

"Imaginative and tasty food, good stage acts, happy and supportive neighbors, balloons, tall buildings, and a day so delicious you could spread it on toast...how much better could it get?" said ICS Director Bill Elder. "Well, there was the very welcome check, too," he added. "We can do some things for our programs we have put off for lack of funds until now. After the success of the Block Party, ICS is thinking about adding on to our motto, 'Hope, Dignity, Community ...and Fun!' Our volunteers loved the whole experience, and I know they will pass that feeling on to the folks in need that we serve. Let's do it again!"

The Discover Wine segment of the event also helped the Junior League of Seattle raise \$3,000 for their educational and charitable programs.

Sounders FC Youth Development Program

If you have a passionate young soccer player at home, the Sounders FC may have a program that will take him or her to the next level – in more ways than one!

In cooperation with Washington Youth Soccer, the Sounders have created the Youth Development Program (YDP), a supplementary program to complement the current youth soccer club experience for serious young soccer players. The YDP training will focus on development as a soccer player, citizenship in the community, and the expression of your child's individual personality within the game.



YDP offers six-week programs that run throughout the year, teaching technical and tactical elements of specific field positions. Through encouragement and motivation, coaches work to advance the individual game of each player.

The program's six-week segments will train goalkeepers, defenders, midfield players, and strikers on Monday nights at Starfire Sports Complex in Fort Dent Park in Tukwila. A limited number of participants will be accepted for each age group and position-specific training, with groups for 8-12 years and 13-17 years old.

If you'd like to help build your child's skills and confidence in soccer – and in life – please contact Darren Sawatzky, director of Youth Development, at 206.267.7425. To learn more about Sounders FC youth teams and programs, visit www.soundersfc.com/Youth/Youth-Programs.aspx.

Vulcan Helps Welcome Seniors Home



As hard and painful as it is to be homeless, imagine having to live on the street as a senior citizen. The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) of Seattle has given a lot of consideration and effort to that very problem, recently opening the Bart Harvey building at 430 Minor Ave. N. in South Lake Union, with 49 affordable apartments for low-income and homeless seniors.

The six-story building offers comfortable, safe housing for seniors 62-plus, featuring five floors of studio apartments and one-bedroom units. The ground floor offers a library room with a

computer lab, community meeting space, and offices for case management and support services. The rooftop is "green," providing a space for residents to plant their own vegetables and flowers. Best of all, seniors meeting residency requirements must pay no more than 30 percent of their income in rent.

Vulcan Inc. has long been a strong supporter of LIHI, and wanted to do something special to welcome the seniors to their new apartments. Since many of the new residents were formerly homeless, they lacked the standard household items that make a home function. So...Vulcan staff went shopping! Employees created "goodie bags" filled with items needed to set up a new home, including: dish soap, coffee, kitchen towels, pot holders, can openers, cleansers, sponges and pot scrubbers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, reusable shopping bags, and just to top off the goodie bags – snacks!

"I'm thrilled that Vulcan provided our new residents with these wonderful gift bags," said Sharon Lee, executive director of LIHI. "Many of the seniors are very low income and simply could not afford basic kitchen and bathroom accessories. We want to thank Vulcan, as these gifts will make their lives a little easier."