



SAFESTREETS

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Windermere Real Estate South Everett office donates to help homeless in Everett

EVERETT – The Windermere Real Estate South Everett office is helping homeless individuals and families with a \$2,000 donation to Everett’s [Safe Streets Flex Fund](#) through the Windermere Foundation.

“Agents in our Everett South Office of Windermere contribute money to the Windermere Foundation from every transaction closing to benefit families in the area,” said Steve Harriss, real estate broker. “We contribute so that we are benefiting programs that we see around our own community.”

The Flex Fund offers immediate assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness in Everett as they move into treatment, housing and other services. The fund helps fill gaps in services and overcome financial obstacles when a person is ready for help.

Each quarter, Dave Maider, owner of the Windermere South Everett office, gathers his office staff to help decide how best to distribute the funds that they have collected. After hearing about Everett’s embedded social worker program in the news and attending a presentation about the Everett Police Community Outreach and Enforcement Team (COET), Maider was inspired to help Everett’s most vulnerable residents.

“At the next fund allocation meeting, we proposed a contribution to the Flex Fund and the agents in the office were all on board,” said Harriss.

Donations to the Flex Fund help Everett’s embedded social workers purchase items to confront barriers homeless individuals and families face while they seek stability and needed services, including housing and treatment. The Flex Fund has allowed the COET team to purchase bus tickets to treatment facilities, ID cards to help an individual access services and a warm meal to help build trust while creating a treatment or housing plan with the social worker.

The [Windermere Foundation](#) donates a portion of the proceeds from every home purchased or sold toward supporting low-income and homeless families in communities throughout Washington state and the United States. In the past, the Windermere South Everett office has

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donated to Cocoon House, Hand in Hand, Kids Klostet, Everett Schools Backpacks for Kids, Boys & Girls Clubs and other local groups.

Please visit everettwa.gov/getinvolved if you would like to contribute to the Flex Fund. Learn more about the [Everett Safe Streets Plan](#).

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