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## Latest Home Rehabs to Put ROSE Over the 400 Mark

The **Portland Housing Bureau** has awarded ROSE funding for six additional properties that will increase our affordable housing production to 404 homes and apartments. The new projects will rehab 19 apartments on SE Raymond Street as well as five homes in Lents for first-time homebuyers. The multi-family project was selected in the Bureau's recent Notice of Funds Availability, which also funded repairs to a property in ROSE's existing portfolio - Beyer Court. The latter property, located across the street from the Wattles Boys and Girls Club, is named after long-time Lents activists and ROSE founders, Jim and Pat Beyer.



Current rehab work on Bellrose Station in Lents

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## ROSE Youth Receive Grant for Photo Gallery



ROSE youth accept the grant award, which will help further their health advocacy efforts

This month, Leander Court youth group received a grant award from the **City of Portland** in partnership with **Portland Community College**, the **Multnomah Youth Commission**, the **Youth Planning Program**, the **Office of Mayor Sam Adams**, and **Mercy Corps Global Citizen Corps**. With the award, our youth will organize a gallery to advocate for better health in Outer Southeast Portland communities, following our Photovoice projects this Winter and Spring.

ROSE CDC partners with the **Oregon Public Health Institute** and **Healthy Kids Healthy Communities** to document health amenities at Leander Court Apartments and pedestrian connectivity in the surrounding areas. The Photovoice method creates a visual record for use in our health advocacy efforts. The group would especially like to thank Helena Hutchins and Madeleine Pope for their help with the project.

**ROSE builds community and strengthens neighborhood economies that Revitalize Outer South East.**

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ROSE is adding to its specialty of rehabilitating the neighborhood's existing housing stock. Since 2009, ROSE acquired and renovated the 17-unit Jim and Salle's Place, in addition to the 40-unit Bellrose Station, which will be completed this summer. Many community leaders favor rehab over new construction because it revitalizes the neighborhood without adding enrollment pressure at local schools. Because ROSE owns nearly 50 rental properties in a concentrated area, we are able to improve property management and provide a range of resident services.

The for-sale homes were acquired by the city from the **Housing Authority of Portland** to provide affordable homeownership opportunities. The contractor is the team of **Colas/R&H Construction**. Some of the homes will use **Proud Ground's** land trust model to provide permanent affordability.

You may have noticed a new logo on ROSE correspondence recently:



Designed by local Southeast Portlander **Brent Veak**, we believe the new logo is reflective of the 20 years of dedicated service we've had in outer Southeast Portland, and will serve us well for the next 20. Brent's work can be viewed online at [www.bbvdesign.com](http://www.bbvdesign.com)

### A time for change ...

After many years of service on ROSE's Board of Directors, we bid **Mary Davis** goodbye. We know we can find her and her artistic wares at Trillium Artisans in Lents.

**Virginia Petersen** has stepped down from the board but will continue to be an active volunteer at many ROSE events.

**Paul Ellison** has also stepped down after many years of dedicated service.

### Welcome!

Join us in warmly welcoming **Suvi Wesa**, a Brentwood-Darlington resident who is pursuing studies in real estate development.

New member **Holly Jackson** is no stranger to ROSE; she is a ROSE resident and operates an in-home child care business.

**Christian Smith** has joined from the Foster-Powell neighborhood, where he is co-chair.

**Roy Soards** is returning to the ROSE board. Roy is Regional Director for Bethesda Lutheran Services.



### Provider Network News

Melody Norris is the owner of Melody's Munchkins, a certified family child care business in Southeast Portland that has been in business for 20 years. Truly a family business, Melody's sister Janet works as the infant and toddler teacher. Melody joined the Child Care Improvement Project, seeking peer support and adult conversation. Since joining the network, she and Janet have never missed a meeting.

The trainings, opportunities and support that the network has provided has helped immensely. Melody was concerned that when she moved her business into a larger house that she would lose some clients, but in fact most of her clients have followed her and her enrollment has continued to grow - almost to the point of needing of a waiting list. The success of her business has allowed Melody to go back to school and she will soon be completing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

## ROSE Maps Its Road to the Future

ROSE completed its last strategic plan in 2006. Remember way back then? The economy was humming and no one knew what a subprime mortgage was. Those were different times. ROSE is looking to its community roots to find the way forward.

This winter ROSE board and staff members surveyed 88 stakeholders including neighborhood leaders, service providers, business people, government officials and residents of ROSE housing. We've also gotten input from meetings of Lents, Mt. Scott-Arleta and Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood associations. Future meetings are planned with other groups.

What we learned was enlightening. Neighborhood improvements and community building were the top two categories in total findings, strengths and priorities. The greatest threat was seen in East Portland's poor level of neighborhood improvements. The top two threat sub-categories were in that area: transportation and infrastructure, and planning and zoning. Economic development was seen as East Portland's top weakness.

A report summarizing the findings was completed by Portland State University intern Hiroaki Kurita. It is available online at [www.rosecdc.org](http://www.rosecdc.org).

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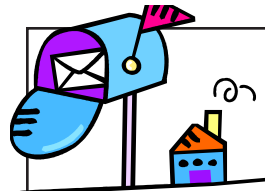
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