


The Jean Kim Foundation for the Homeless Education

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Knowledge is Power
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**Our dreams are big... Our hopes are high.
Our goals long term and the path is difficult.
But the only failure is not to try.**

우리의 꿈은 크고, 우리의 소망은 높고, 우리의 목적지는 멀 것이고, 우리의 여정은 고달픈 것이다.

그러나 오직 실패는 노력하지 않는 것이다.

Jimmy Carter, the former President of the United States (지미 카터 전 미국대통령)

Thank you very much

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to many supporters for responding to my SOS note in the last July Newsletter with very generous contributions.



지난 호에 김진숙 목사의 긴급 후원 요청에 신속히 반응하셔서 후하게 후원금을 보내주신 후원자 여러분께 진심으로 감사드립니다. 김진숙 목사

CONGRATULATIONS

The following 14 students are enrolled in different community colleges and regular colleges (online) for the winter quarter, 2017.

TOTAL 14 STUDENTS

Brett, DeAnne, Dona, Gary, John J. Jerel, Julie, Matt, Matthew, Michele, Paul, Sherry, Tracie and Rachelle (library science, GED, Horticulture, Culinary Art, Para Legal, Biology, Science, Graphic Design, Medical Info Technique.

MISSION STATEMENT

Jean Kim Foundation for the homeless Education

The Foundation's goal is to end poverty and homelessness by motivating and advocating for adult homeless students to successfully earn degrees, certifications and vocational skills which are the primary tools to lead to full-time employment and permanent housing. We believe that the cycle of homelessness can be ended by education.

We have found that lack of education, gaps in employment, lack of affordable housing, and a dearth of vocational skills significantly contribute to a person becoming homeless and remaining so indefinitely; therefore, we believe that education and vocational skills are the essential instruments which will equip them for gainful employment and housing. Education will generate a better earning potential and a better chance for a good life.

To that end, our education mission will be carried out in partnership with poor and homeless adult students themselves, as well as with caring citizens, colleges, faith

communities/churches, social service programs, government entities and funding sources.

WHOM DOES THE FOUNDATION SERVE ?

We serve highly motivated Washington State residents who are currently or formerly homeless; at risk of homelessness; and at or under the federal poverty level. We serve those who are determined to pursue their college education despite their many economic, physical and emotional struggles and barriers. A majority of them are on some form of government assistance which qualifies them for federal student aid. Many of them are homeless while a few live in low income housing and/or do couch surfing.

HOW DO WE HELP STUDENTS?

Homeless students need mentors/tutors/social work Case managers: Most of us had parents who loved and cared for us and acted as our mentors. Unfortunately, many of our homeless friends lacked parental support in their early life so that they could grow into mature adulthood. Many of us are fortunate to maintain social support systems with our family members, relatives and friends; but many of our homeless friends have little social support because they were reared in broken homes or by emotionally-disabled and/or abusive parents who were often involved with substance abuse.

Getting into community colleges is a tremendous challenge. Keeping up with their studies is an even bigger challenge. It is a struggle for them to go to school in their brutal homeless life. They have to struggle through many barriers and stumbling blocks and stresses. Some of them face academic difficulties. Their strong desire to enhance their education can easily be diminished by these many obstacles and barriers. Therefore our homeless students need extra support, encouragement and social work case management service.

Case managers encourage and guide them to choose their field of study and desired school; They will then help them enroll online or in person to their desired colleges; Guide them to apply for Federal Student Aid and college student aid or local BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training); Guide them to attend the new student orientation either on campus or online as instructed; walk with them until they obtain student ID, bus passes, books and class schedule.

Case managers walk with students throughout their educational journey by doing frequent outreach, following up on their progress, and offering necessary intervention/advocacy whenever needs arise, and also solicit new students.

Jean's outreach by setting up a booth at 5 free meal sites every week.



THE SHEPHERD'S VILLAGE

Jean Kim writes: My heart kept being broken to see my homeless students go to their classes from their streets life with extremely fatigued body and mind, carrying bags, in disheveled appearance often accompanied by unpleasant smell. I cried out to many housing agencies. But getting rooms or rent affordable apartments was beyond our reach due to long-waiting-list (5 year+), skyrocketing rent, and student's own rental barriers with past eviction history or criminal charges. I was so frustrated that I began to cry out to find a spot for them to camp which I don't really support because it is not a final solution. But when I approached Lynnwood City Mayor I ended up suggesting rooms in city hall, camping in its door way, parking lot or city-owned parks. I begged any spot anywhere for me to pitch 5 tents for my homeless students to start with because it was such an urgent matter.

Rev. Chris Boyer writes (January 2017):

Through her foundation, Rev. Dr. Jean Kim provides educational support for homeless students. They may be enrolled in GED, college, vocational training or literacy programs. Last month, she approached Mayor Nicola Smith asking if a Tent City could be established on city property to provide some of these students with a more stable living situation. Staff ascertained that the number of policies and ordinances that would need to be rewritten to accommodate this request would delay the implementation by many months. [She requested something immediate]. It was suggested that a private land owner be sought and that the City would waive some of the requirements of its "Tent City" ordinance to facilitate placement. It was further suggested that Good Shepherd Baptist Church might be a willing host..... [Good Shepherd Baptist Church responded positively]. On December 7, Rev. Dr. Kim and some members of her foundation's Board met with Rev. Boyer and Sgt. Cole Langdon of LPD and some details were tentatively agreed upon." ...

After several meetings among City authorities the Tent City named "Shepherd's Village" became a reality for 5 homeless students.

Jean Kim writes: When the Mayor Nicola Smith called me the next day with a news that pastor Chris Boyer might offer me a space to pitch 5 tents in the backyard of the Good Shepherd Baptist Church I shed some joyful tears thanking God for hearing my outcry which in fact was the desperate outcry of my homeless students. I am witnessing to the fact

that God opened up the heaven's gate and poured out such a blessing to create the Shepherd's Village for my dear homeless students. It is small but a huge beginning. **Thanks to Mayor Nicola Smith, Good Shepherd Baptist congregation and their pastor and all caring people from our community including our Board members who came and shared their labor to build this village. May God bless you abundantly!**

A storage bin, a toilet, and a community room.
Gary is guarding proudly his temporary home community.



The tent is covered by strong large tarp. In the tent a warm sleeping bag and a durable mat are provided for each resident.



5 tents, a storage bin, a portable toilet and a community room and even garbage cans are all fenced in a cozy and protected environment inside the locked gate.



The Village is covered by around a clock security

It is not a permanent home but is appreciated by residents who struggled so hard in the cold frozen or wet outdoor living. Gary, one of the residents writes:

Dear purple pastor: I am very thrilled to have this setup. No more fear of street violence, no more looking over my shoulder, no more caution, no more search of space to lie

down every night, I am grateful for this little space of mine. I am going to get an education and grow and build my foundation for myself. I am going to succeed and it was your pushing and my following through with goals and commitments.

Yours Truly, Gary (Ambassador)

God opened up the heaven's gate again and poured out many wonderful human resource to build our strong working Board of Directors of the JK Foundation

1. **Mr. Jules Butler, Esq. Atty.**, practicing in Lynnwood Washington.
2. **Rev. Gary Cook, M. Div.** Former Director of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Church (USA). Retired Director of Church Relations for Bread for the World, Washington DC.
3. **Ms. Katherine Gihm, BA.** Licensed financial Investment representative and a real estate broker at Century 21
4. **Mr. Ted Haase, M.Ed. MA** in Theology and Religion. Student Financial Services Coordinator, Seattle Pacific University.
5. **Rev. Deuksil Jung,** President of the Nest Mission Board, Edmonds, WA.
6. **Mr. Larry Nilson,** Retired School Teacher.
7. **Ms. Sharon Tomiko Santos,** WA. State Representative.
8. **Dr. Sheryl Stohs. Ph. D** in Environmental Sciences. Staff at the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Nest Mission Choir Director in Edmonds, Washington.
9. **Ms. Shirley Sutton, BA in Law & Justice/ M. ED.** Lynnwood City Council member. Retired School teacher and former staff of Edmonds Community College.
10. **Ms. Joan Jolly,** BA in history. History teacher, a leader In Neighbors in Need Saturday Program; Working in marketing world also. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.
11. **Chris Frizzell, BS** in Accounting. IRS Registered Tax Preparer. Accountant for various companies. Self Employed 1987 to present – *Eagle Accounting*. Volunteer for the Neighbors in Need, cold weather shelter, meal program and county jail etc.
12. **David Cousineau, BA and MA** in Education. Academic Adviser at Edmonds Community College.

13. **Rev. Dr. Jean Kim, BA. BD. MSW. D. Min.**
President of the JK Foundation Board: Minister, Licensed Social Worker and Mental Health Counselor/Case manager.

WE HAVE 2 VACANCIES TO FILL.

Partnership

Rev. Jean Kim

The Shepherd's Village became a possibility by the effort of the whole community partnership; The City of Lynnwood, churches and many volunteers who all became partners of the Jean Kim Foundation for the Homeless Education. When we put our hearts together the impossible become possible reality. Thanks to all those who made the Shepherd's Village a reality for homeless students.

Most relationship is a partnership; a marital life is a partnership. Parents and child relationship is a partnership. Members and church relationship is a partnership. The relationship between government and people is a partnership. The relationship between an employer and an employee is a partnership. Those we serve are also our mission partners. Relationship between God and us is a partnership. Even if we are thrown into no-man's island, we must be in partnership with the nature. There is almost nothing that is not a partnership. No one or no agency can stand alone in helping the homeless. We all must stand together: when we were ready to launch a mission we partnered with friends who shared the same value and heart to serve the poor/ homeless. And then we partnered with faith communities and other agencies.

We continue to seek partners who want to volunteer, and/or serve on our Board of Directors; we seek partners who can serve as mentors and tutors; partners who want to make financial contributions for our mission. Partners who want to serve our homeless students as case managers. Those who want to be our partners call,

Sharing a space in our Shepherd's Village is a

partnership. Those who are homeless students and are able to handle this partnership respecting and caring for each other are qualified to be the Village Residents. They are welcome to this communal living.

Why do I wear Color Purple?

Rev. Jean Kim

My students call me “purple pastor.” Many others call me “Women in Purple.”

But it is not the name I gave myself. I earned the title from people who see me in a purple shirt every day since 1997 with “End Homelessness” printed on it. Therefore, the purple color became my landmark and identity. Purple is the liturgical color for the Season of Lent. It can symbolize pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. It is also the color of royalty, so traditionally has also been used for Advent. Purple also speaks of fasting, faith, patience and trust (Christian Resource Institute).

Lent is the time Christians grieve, lament and repent for Jesus’ suffering, reflect upon our lives seriously in prayer and fasting, repent our personal and corporate sins and commit to serve the Lord more faithfully. Likewise, in my purple shirt, I grieve, lament and repent for having so many homeless people in this affluent country, and commit to love and serve Jesus Christ by serving the homeless and to work toward ending homelessness. For this reason, I chose purple when I developed shirts with a message, “End Homelessness for all People” as a campaign of the National Presbyterian Church (USA) to end homelessness for all people. Therefore, the color purple became not only my personal identity but also my homeless mission color.

Because the color purple can also symbolizes pain, suffering, and mourning of homeless people who lost everything including **their jobs, homes, families, identity, health, pride, joy and hopes, they deserve to be called “People in Purple.”**



Purple also represents my own personal pain, suffering, and mourning for my past hurts and wounds in many Jesus, dear homeless friends, and my own deep in my heart. We share our pain with each other. Thus, my love for Jesus is my love for the homeless and my love for the homeless is my love for Jesus. As Jesus participates in my suffering and pain, I too participate in his as well as the homeless. Therefore, every day is Lent for me in my purple shirt. My life is purple life, and I am glad to be called “Woman in Purple.” So I call the Great One “Jesus in Purple,” my homeless friends “People in Purple,” and the service I offer “Ministry in Purple.”

나는 왜 항상 보라빛 옷을 입는가? 김진숙 목사

매일 “흠리스근절”이 새겨진 셔츠뿐만 아니라 양말 까지 다른 옷도 같은 보라빛으로 입는 나를 보는 많은 사람은 그 색깔이 무슨 의미냐고 묻는다.

‘보라빛’은 나의 삶을 대표하는 일종의 대명사다. 내가 스스로를 ‘보라빛 여성’이라고 부른 적은 없지만 나를 알고 있거나 심지어는 나를 잘 모르는 사람들까지도 나를 그렇게 불렀기에 그것이 어느새 나의 또 다른 이름이 되고 말았다. 그런데 왜 하필 ‘보라빛’인가? 그 배경은 이러하다.

매년 3-4 월이면 사순절을 맞게 된다. 사순절은 성회 수요일(Ash Wednesday)로부터 부활절 까지의 40 일을 말한다. 이 기간 동안 사람들은 예수 그리스도의 고난을 생각하며 자신의 죄를 회개하고 기도하며 금식하고 주님의 뜻에 따라 살 것을 다짐한다. 강림절이나 사순절 기간 동안 교회의 강대상에 덮는 수건이나 성직자의 스톨(Stole, 영대(領帶), 성직자용 제복의 띠 모양의 천), 가운은 자색 혹은 보라빛으로 바뀐다. 자색은 왕의 존엄을 상징하는 색으로 왕으로 오시는 주님을 기다리고 맞이하며 그분에게

충성을 맹세하는 의미다. 이에 반해 보랏빛은 아픔과 고난, 애도와 참회를 상징하는 색이다. 보랏빛 천을 사순절이 아니라 강림절에 사용하는 이유는 임박한 그리스도의 탄생을 의미하면서 앞으로 닥쳐 올 그분의 죽음을 예시하기 위한 것이란다.

막달라 마리아 교회라는 홈리스사역을 시작 하면서 나는 '홈리스 근절 (End Homelessness)' 이란 글자가 새겨진 셔츠를 제작했다. 그리고 셔츠의 색상을 보랏빛으로 정했다. 사순절의 의미를 떠올린 탓이다. 홈리스를 양산하는 우리의 탐욕과 이기심을 회개하고, 홈리스가 생기는 원인을 그들의 게으름 탓으로 돌림으로써 제도적이고 근본적인 원인을 덮어버리는 우리의 무관심과 죄를 회개하고, 동시에 홈리스들의 고난에 참여하며, 그들을 섬김으로써 홈리스 근절에 몸을 바치겠다는 각오를 다짐하는 의미였다. 보랏빛이 예수 그리스도의 고난을 상징하는 것 처럼 이는 또한 홈리스들의 고통과 아픔을 상징 하는 것이기도 하다. 그래서 1998 년부터 지금까지 나는 언제나, 어디서나, 밤이든 낮이든 상관없이 보랏빛 셔츠를 입었고 그 결과 '보랏빛 여성'이라는 별명을 얻게 되었다.

나는 개인적으로 아픔이 많은 사람이다. 공산당 치하에서 살았고, 월남(越南)한 이후에는 한국전쟁과 피난살이를 경험했다. 또 미국으로 이민 온 후에는 졸지에 아들을 잃었다. 그 모든 것이 심장 한 복판에 파편이 박히는 듯한, 마치 뼈를 골로 깎아내는 듯한 아픔이었다. 후회와 죄의식으로 살아야 할 이유를 잃어버린 참으로 견디기 힘든 고통이었다. 그래서 주님의 아픔을, 나의 아픔을, 남의 아픔을 모두 끌어안고 함께 아파하며 주님을 섬기듯 홈리스들을 섬기는 삶을 살게 되었다.

보랏빛 셔츠 속에 담긴 나의 개인적인 고통은 잘 몰라도 나를 아는 사람들은 보랏빛을 보면 바로 나를 떠올린다. 그리고 나를 떠올릴 때마다 홈리스를 생각하게 된다니 나는 보랏빛으로 선교를 하는 셈이다. 그래서 보랏빛은 내 사역의 색이다. 보랏빛은 내 인생의 색이고 내 인생은 보랏빛 인생이다. 아픔이 많고 파란만장한 내 인생에 주님이 함께 하시고 함께 아파하시는 것처럼, 나도 홈리스들의 고난에 참여하고 그들의 아픔을 나눔으로써 그리스도의 고난에 참여하게 되니 내 인생이 결국 보랏빛 인생인 것이다.

Financial Aid to Attend Colleges

Ted Haase, SPU Finance Director

Do you want to attend college, and need financial assistance?

Financial Aid is available! You need an e-mail address, and other important personal information such

as your Social Security number. You can start by using the steps below. Be sure to keep all your information very private and safe.



1. Create your FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID: User Name & Password)

- You need e-mail, and be sure that you know your user name and password;
- Create your FSA ID at: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Write down your User Name and Password; **keep these very secure, and do not share them with anyone**
- Use your FSA ID to complete the Federal Financial Aid application (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov

2. Apply to the College(s) you are interested in attending, using their web application; some local Colleges are below:

Edmonds Community College: www.edcc.edu

Everett Community College: www.everettcc.edu
Shoreline Community College: www.shoreline.edu

Help is available for you to complete all of these steps!

- Follow up with FAFSA to confirm that their financial assistance is being approved.
 - It takes time to get approval. Earlier the better to apply for it (way in advance)
3. **Many students got into a trouble because they** neglected to remember “user ID and Password” they used. When they don’t remember them FSA will not allow them to discard the previous application and start all over in order to prevent misuse of those IDs by other people. For success with the college application process and for financial aid, students need to be able to check e-mail with a computer, as it can be harder to do if relying only on a cell phone. We also often noticed that many students who do not know what to do just sit and wait as if all things will fall automatically into a place. But usually that is not the case. Students have to keep following up on the progress with Federal Student Aid and school admission, etc.

4. **When they drop out of school for some reason** without reporting, or do not pass courses, they end up owing to Federal Student Aid and will be required to pay back to Federal Student Aid or to college. In other words, Federal Student Aid is willing to help needy willing people but when they don’t do what they are committed to do they become liable for their actions.

Ted is helping students to apply Federal Grants.

5. **When they quit school or don’t pass the course,** MUST DISCUSS with their instructors or the college Finance Advisor. Otherwise their study will be in jeopardy and financially they become debtors to Federal Government or to colleges. When they consult with authorities they usually are very helpful in finding solutions. If a student stop attending school with no report might become a barrier for them to come back at a later date.

Attending colleges means we become a responsible and accountable person.

WHAT STUDENTS MUST KNOW

All students... The college assigns an EdMail (email) address to all students **currently enrolled in at least one course.** *You are required to use your EdMail to*

receive campus notifications as it replaces your personal email address given at admissions. Campus notifications may include important financial aid and enrollment information as well as updates on campus events and opportunities. To activate your EdMail account, please visit www.edcc.edu/edmail. For help with activation, please visit: [START](#)

OUR NEXT VISION FOR STUDET HOUSING

10 Stand-Alone-Unit (SAUs): Another model of emergency housing for homeless students will be a stand-alone-unit (SAUs) which is a simple cost-effective emergency housing model manufactured by Buddy Shelters, LLC / Innovative Module Designs (CEO- Darrel V. Potter). This housing model is highly doable because it is efficient and cost-effective. At first, I looked in to purchasing a 5-bed-room- mansion house to house 10 students – 1 in each room. Estimated cost was at least \$500,000.



However, the estimated cost of this stand-alone unit of 8x8 for one person is 6,000.00. To house 10 students it will only cost \$60,000. Including composting toilets and shower/laundry facility the estimated total cost for 10 students can be less than \$100,000. It will be highly cost-effective and easily doable.

We are receiving contributions for this project and are seeking angels who can donate a piece of land to allow the units to stand for homeless students.

The Foundation is a nonprofit 501C (3) charitable organization. All contributions will be tax-deductible. EIN # 47-4595766 (July 28, 2015). UBI # 603-528-204 . Check payable to **Jean Kim Foundation** and mail it to PO Box 1835, Lynnwood, WA. 98046

for emergency housing for homeless students.
Estimate Cost of the project: \$100,000.00

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Education Foundation is seeking a part-time case manager for homeless college students. We welcome a retired social worker or mental health counselor who is willing to volunteer or work for ¼ pay.

Qualifications

We prefer someone with social work and/or mental health background with a master's degree and at least 3 years of experience. Our case manager must be computer literate. There might be an opportunity to grow in to full time or even into Executive Director's position in the future if anyone wants to grow with this mission. Any interested person may submit a resume via e-mail to: pastorinpurple1935@gmail.com or Contact Rev. Jean Kim at (425) 563-3006 or e-mail for questions

OUR NEEDS

1. Permanent low income housing.
2. Single Room Occupancy (SRO Apartments).
3. Home Sharing / Room Sharing.
4. Year-round shelter.
5. Parking space for their car homes.
6. Laptops. 7. Cell Phones.
8. Assistance with phone bills.
9. Storage and lockers. 10. Orca cards/bus passes.
12. Showers and laundry vouchers.
13. Motel vouchers and gas vouchers.
14. Bicycles/parking racks and lockers.
15. Assistance with rent and deposit.
16. Assistance with car repair/ tabs/ insurance.
17. Occasional ride giver.
18. Volunteer mentors/tutors & literacy teacher.
19. Volunteers who can design & manage website.
20. Volunteer secretary/Volunteer grant writer.
21. Assistance with printing cost.
22. Electrical wires to install electricity.
23. Financial Assistance to hire social work Case Manager
24. Financial Assistance to develop 10 self-standing units

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Outreach Sites with a Booth Set Up

If anyone wants to meet with Rev. Jean Kim come to the following weekly meal sites:

Monday 5:30 p.m. Bethesda Lutheran Church:

23406 56th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace 5:30pm-6:30pm (Bus #130 from Lynnwood Transit Center)

Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm. Annie's Kitchen at Edmonds

Lutheran Church 23525 84th Ave. W, Edmonds, WA. 98026 (Bus #101 or Swift on Highway 99.

Thursday 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Nest Bible Study at
Lynnwood Subway Sandwich shop

Friday 5:30pm-6:30 p.m. - Nest Mission at Maplewood

Presbyterian Church. 19523 84th Ave. W, Edmonds, WA. 98026: Worship and dinner. Bus #196 on 196th Ave.

Saturday 8:00am-10:30am at Trinity Lutheran Church 6215 196th ST. SW, Lynnwood, WA. 98036. Bus #101, Swift or 196

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