



HASCO Facts: Did You Know?

1. HASCO owns over 2,000 units of rental housing in Snohomish County and administers over 3,000 Section 8 housing vouchers. Over 5,000 households are currently waiting for housing assistance.
2. As of today (5/24/2011), HASCO's youngest Section 8 participant is 78 days old and oldest is 96 years old.
3. HASCO's partnership with the Veterans Administration has resulted in 60 veterans receiving housing since 2009.
4. HASCO provides project-based voucher rental assistance to 319 homeless families with children receiving supportive services from 5 partner agencies, and to 55 senior/disabled individuals and families.
5. HASCO provides tenant-based rental assistance to 228 homeless individuals and families with disabilities through the Shelter Plus Care program, which is administered by the YWCA.
6. HASCO's partnership with Camp Fire provides 124 children at HASCO properties across Snohomish County with weekly after school programs.
7. HASCO coordinates a local collaborative that provides Christmas gifts to approximately 1,500 children in the Edmonds School District; about 250 HASCO resident children receive gifts through the program each year.
8. HASCO has partnered with the KITE (Kids In Training to Excel) program at Whispering Pines. This program works with twenty 6th-9th graders to promote academic success through twice weekly after school tutoring.
9. HASCO actively promotes NAHRO college scholarship opportunities. 9 HASCO participants have received NAHRO scholarships. The latest was Alexander Nicholas of Gold Bar who received a \$4,000 NAHRO Scholarship in 2010.
10. In October 2010, HASCO held a coat giveaway and Halloween party at Whispering Pines Apartments. 217 residents came to the party and received many free goods and services. 125 children and youth received coats, 100 received bike helmets, 14 people got flu shots, 49 received simple dental exams and 41 children received fluoride varnishes. This event was held in partnership with the Family Center of South Snohomish County, Lynnwood Rotary, Lynnwood Kiwanis, Community Health Center and several other community partners.
11. For over 10 years, HASCO has partnered with the Monroe Vineyard Church to hold a back to school barbeque at Fairview in Monroe. The church provides all of the children free backpacks and school supplies.
12. HASCO staff has a longstanding commitment to United Way. In 2005, HASCO was awarded "Best of Industry" and the "President's Award." In 2010, HASCO staff's generosity achieved a company record of donating over \$10,000 to United Way in one campaign.
13. HASCO's Section 8 department is a "high performer" receiving a score of 100% on HUD's most recent assessment of our Section 8 voucher program.
14. Each Section 8 Coordinator/Assistant team handles a caseload of 590 clients.
15. HASCO inspectors performed 3860 annual inspections in 2010...that's over 20 inspections a day!

16. When HASCO went live on a new software system in March 2003, Section 8 staff stopped printing the 50058 form saving 24,000 pieces of paper a year. Since 2003, this one change alone has saved one ton of paper (192,000 pieces), which is equal to 17 trees.
17. At HASCO's Alpine Ridge senior community, replacing an old mobile home with a new, energy efficient manufactured home can drop the resident's electricity bill from over \$200/month to approximately \$60/month – that's a 70% decrease!
18. HASCO helped to develop one of the first communities to use two-story manufactured homes in the state.
19. In 2010, HASCO provided 35 rehabilitation loans to low-income Snohomish County homeowners to help them maintain their homes.
20. HASCO offers a Section 8 Homeownership Program, giving current HASCO clients the opportunity to use their housing voucher to help buy their first home. To date, nine families have purchased a home through this program.
21. On May 6, 1971, a group of 278 citizens submitted a petition to the Snohomish County Commission calling for the creation of a public housing authority in Snohomish County.
22. Commissioner Emeritus Leo Gese has served HASCO for its entire 40 year history. He helped establish HASCO in 1971 and was an original board member. Mr. Gese was honored with the naming of the Whispering Pines community room at the 25th Anniversary. He was awarded emeritus status in 1998 and is still an active participant at board meetings.