

celebrating your educational achievements 2012-2013



your discovery

"I was thrilled to be accepted to an RN program, but then soon discovered that I would not be eligible for any financial aid. Without the Training Fund, I don't know how I would have paid for tuition and books. The process to receive assistance was quick and straight forward. I'm so excited to begin my career as a nurse!"

Kirsten Haug, RN Swedish Medical Center

your growth

"The support for my education was really there—from the union, Training Fund, and Northwest Hospital. It really felt like everyone was there to help me grow and be successful. I've come so far and I'm thankful for this opportunity."

Josephine Garma, RN UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital





your **pride**

"Going back to school has helped me grow personally and professionally. I've gained valuable leadership and research skills that will help me make more effective decisions as a nurse."

Kalyan Men, RN, MSN Highline Medical Center

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pictured on front cover Menbere Ybeltal, RN, BSN Highline Medical Center

congratulations!

letter from your board of trustees

Dear 2013 Training Fund Students, Graduates, Families, and Friends:

Congratulations!

The Trustees of the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training Fund salute your accomplishments. Over the past year, more than 600 of you furthered your education. Some of you enrolled in classes to prepare for your return to college. Others completed often grueling math and science prerequisite classes to apply to nursing school. Still others received healthcare certifications or graduated from degree programs.

We are profoundly aware of the challenges you may have encountered during your educational journey. You continued to work at your jobs while enrolling in school--adding homework, test preparation and class time to your already busy lives. Many of you are parents or primary care givers for extended family members. We recognize that to be successful in school you had to sacrifice in many ways, including reducing time with loved ones and friends. We commend your perseverance and commitment to learning. You are making a difference in the lives of your families, your patients and our community. We know that your hard work will pay off in countless ways.

As an organization whose mission is supporting adult worker/learners, we are very appreciative of our community college partners. Their willingness to hold classes at times and in locations that accommodate the schedules of a workforce that is on duty 24/7 is a model for the country.

We are also grateful for the tremendous strides we made this year across our organization. Together, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW and employer partners, Group Health Cooperative; Highline Medical Center; UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital; Swedish Medical Center; Swedish Edmonds; and UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center, are making a real difference in how healthcare training is provided in our state and how healthcare is delivered in our communities.

Again, congratulations to all our Training Fund participants. We are proud of what you've accomplished and celebrate your success.

your **board of trustees**

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Greetings from the Governor

June 26, 2013

Congratulations to all of the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training and Education Fund students! I commend you all for your hard work and dedication as you move up your career ladders. Whether you have completed a class to prepare yourself for college or completed your degree, you are helping to strengthen the health care industry in our state.

Next year, the Affordable Care Act will make health care available for another 800,000 Washingtonians. You are part of the solution to ensure they get the health care they need.

My hat is off to the partner health care facilities and union that make this labor/management partnership possible. SEIU 1199NW and Group Health, Highline, Northwest, Swedish and Swedish Edmonds and Valley Medical Center, through the Training Fund, have shown their commitment to providing career advancement opportunities for our health care workers. My best wishes for your continued success!

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee Governor



Robin Glover, Patient Fin. Services Support, Swedish Medical Center; Tasha Glancy, Patient Fin. Services Support, Swedish Medical Center



Anita McNair, MA, Group Health Cooperative

HEET grant

Math and English classes preparing members to enter or complete healthcare education programs.

supporting worker advancement

Foundational skills training & improved educational access

In 2008, the Washington state Legislature first authorized grant funding for the Hospital Employee Education and Training (HEET) program.

The grant's purpose is to provide classes for healthcare workers who seek to move up career ladders into higher wage and high-demand healthcare jobs. HEET grants are implemented through labor/management committees that work in close partnership with participating community colleges.

The 2012-2014 HEET partnership between SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Seattle Community Colleges, Swedish Medical Center, and the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer

Training Fund, delivers innovative training in precollege and college-level math and English skills to help move hospital workers forward in their healthcare education. Quarterly classes are flexibly scheduled, allow accelerated progress for students (who can earn more than one quarter's credit in a shorter time frame), and are supported with case management and comprehensive tutoring.

English

Abdulla, Abdulkadir Dittig, Marion "Mary" Gadiaga, Bolo Gibson, Gloria Leaks, Idris Lewinsohn, Damaris Moore, Erin Nguyen, Selina Powe, Melisa Tran, Khanvan Trejos, Jennifer Wilder, Leda Zhou, Lina

Math

Albert, Sandra Alonzo, Jeannett Black, Charmaine Caldwell, Rebecca Daza (Cardona), Mitchelle Delano, Kathy DeShields, Christine Gemeda, Menbere Glancy, Tasha Glover, Robin Grantham, Paul Hunter, Dominique Leaks. Idris Lindsay-Sterling, Teri Matthews, Darlene McNair, Anita Montgomery, Shannon Nabeel, Zeeshan Nichols, Kimberly Olson, Mary Powe, Melissa Prescott, Delores Remle, Rebecca Saevik (Anderson), Shannon Sombath, Vanthong Sripranaratanakul, Faye Tran, Khanvan Trejos, Jennifer

Statway[™]

Accelerated math path through college statistics. Abdulla, Abdulkadir Chavez, Angela Freeman, Glenn Hickman, Laci Martinez, Leticia Ulmer, Curtisa

Statistics

Ardiente (Lizama), Vanessa Berry, Deva Bridges, Tami Bussell, Sarah Chung, Jeanne Connelly, Stephen Davis-Smith, Katrice Del Rosario, Lincoln Delbaugh, Gwen Eaton/Johnson, Sabrina Ennis, Kathy Gebremichael, Fekadu Gebresellasie, Helen Grantham, Paul Harmon, Jennifer Hickam, Vanessa Kim, Sandi Luna, Romel Mehiel, Jenifer Silver, Carey Towler, Daniel Zaw, Toe

your decision

"I love taking these classes because they're convenient for working people like me. The instructor is knowledgeable and down to earth, and I like the small class size where I get individual time with the teacher. It's amazing to be in the room where everyone is a healthcare worker just like me. The Training Fund made it easy for me to make the decision to go back to school and succeed."

> Melissa Powe, MA Group Health Cooperative



ARRA health grant graduates

from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013

ARRA Grant successfully completed

Training Healthcare Professionals

After a productive three years, the Training Fund successfully completed its 2.6 million dollar American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Health Grant in May 2013. The goal of the grant was simple—to train healthcare workers across Washington state and help move them into better paying, high demand healthcare professions.

Grant outcomes include:

- 300 people were trained to become new MAs, NA-Cs, LPNs, RNs, CNEs (Certified Nurse Educators), or RNs with specialty certifications
- 90% of students completed their training
- The grant launched Seattle's first online nursing program in partnership with North Seattle Community College
- 98% of the 54 RNs who completed training got jobs as new nurses

A highlight of the grant's final year was hosting RN Specialty Certification Exam course review sessions on-site at employer partners. These sessions helped prepare 116 nurses to successfully pass their specialty exams in Pediatrics, Critical Care, Anesthesia and other areas. The ARRA Health grant was implemented through the Washington Healthcare Coalition Initiative, a partnership between the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training Fund, the SEIU Healthcare NW Training Partnership and the Health Workforce Institute.



your **opportunity**

"The Training Fund has great benefits and I'm truly happy that I was able to take this opportunity to get my MA. It has changed my life for the better."

Keith Cudiamat, MA UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Associates Degree in Nursing

Anamelechi, Tochukwu UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Baharudin, Roziawati Group Health Cooperative

Barley, Adam

Group Health Cooperative

Butts, Desiree

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Chitrasena, Jagath

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Furlong, Elizabeth

Swedish Medical Center

Garma, Josephine
UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Gibbs, Mark

Swedish Medical Center

Goodwin, Lisa

Group Health Cooperative

Harms, Shawna

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Herbert, Alan

Group Health Cooperative

Johnston, Nigel

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

McCann, Lisa

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

McGuire III, Travis

Swedish Medical Center

Nguyen, Lindsay

ŪW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Olivares, Annelaraine Swedish Medical Center

Omotuvole, Benson

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Oung, Joanne

Swedish Medical Center

Pac. Denise

Highline Medical Center

Peltzer, Christine

Group Health Cooperative

Serrano, Jessica

Highline Medical Center

Severide, Shane

Swedish Medical Center

Ta-Asan, Kathryna

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Torres, Stefan

Swedish Medical Center

Tufui, Litia

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Wachtler, Tami

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Wellier Tenens

Walker, Tammy

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Williamson, Breanne

Swedish Medical Center

Willis, Kristen

Swedish Medical Center

Wilson, Megan

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Josephine Garma, RN Shawna Harms, RN Jagath Chitrasena, RN Lindsey Nguyen, RN Nigel Johnston, RN UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Medical Assistant

Bagely, Susan UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Case, Felamex UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Erskine, Melinda UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Ganaban, Mary Jane Group Health Cooperative Holman, Amy Swedish Medical Center Mahshour, Wazhma UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital Perez. Cindv UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Saliveros, Christine UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Sims, Erin Group Health Cooperative Tapp, Anthony UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Whitner, Perry Swedish Medical Center Woldearegay, Abnet

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Nurse Educator

Baldridge, Margaret Highline Medical Center Clement, Elaine Swedish Medical Center Cronin, Emma Highline Medical Center

Licensed Practical Nurse

Camarena-Rios, Mirella UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Njuguna, Helen Group Health Cooperative Ziyari, Elmira Group Health Cooperative

your future

"After the completion of my degree I feel that my education gave me and my family the hope for a better future. I also serve as a good role model for my children. This achievement means a lot and will continue to be a strong influence towards further success. My career goal is to improve my skills and knowledge through further education to become a prudent nurse while helping the community at my best."

Jagath Chitrasena, RN UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

dreams become reality

Congratulations to our new nurses!

Five Northwest Hospital employees had a common dream; to someday become nurses at Northwest Hospital.

Fortunately for these employees, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, the Training Fund, Northwest Hospital and North Seattle Community College were working together to secure grant funding to train and place employees like them in better, higher paying positions, like nursing. The grants began in 2009.

For Jagath "Madu" Chitrasena, it seemed like a miracle. She started as a CNA after emigrating from Sri Lanka, and had wanted to get more education. She was grateful when her union organizer told her about the opportunity to take some nursing prerequisites on campus, at no cost. "I couldn't believe this was available to me. This told me I could do something more."

The program was designed to be flexible; classes were taught on-line, in classrooms, at North Seattle Community College, or in classrooms at the hospital. "It was so convenient. They made it easy for you to be successful," said former CNA Josephine Garma.

Balancing school with work responsibilities is often a challenge for students. "This grant gave me the opportunity to reduce my hours at work so that I could devote more time to study," said Nigel Johnston.

As the students approached nursing school graduation, Northwest Hospital managers opened nursing residency positions with the hopes they would be filled by these students. All five students applied, were accepted, and each are now working as successful RNs.

"I'm grateful to the Training Fund for giving me an opportunity to accomplish my goal of becoming a nurse," said Nigel.

nursing pathway graduates

Congratulations Training Fund Tuition Assistance Program Graduates from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013

your confidence

"I'm so happy to have finally finished my degree! Not everyone has a Training Fund so I am grateful for this benefit and all its resources."

> Ulyana Stetsyuk, MA Group Health Cooperative



Associates in Nursing (RN)

Breuer, Avi Group Health Cooperative Butin, Ephraim (John) Swedish Medical Center

Haug, Kirsten

Swedish Medical Center Ho, Cindie

Swedish Medical Center Lane. Matthew

Swedish Medical Center

Morrison, Jennifer Swedish Edmonds

Rasmussen, Lisa UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Rodriguez, Samuel UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Thompson, Tiffany

Group Health Cooperative

Tran, Trisha Swedish Medical Center

Licensed Practical Nurse to Associates in Nursing (RN)

Biller, Stacey
Group Health Cooperative

Edvalds, Amber Group Health Cooperative

Finley, Megan
Highline Medical Center

Jorgensen, Danielle Group Health Cooperative

Odoh, Jane

Swedish Medical Center

Riewe, Thidarat Swedish Medical Center

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Baghdasaryan, Marianna Swedish Edmonds

Bettridge, Laurel Highline Medical Center

Bond, Tiffany

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Daman, Kathleen Swedish Medical Center

Fischer, Margaret (Peggy) Swedish Edmonds

Fuller, Mandy

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Freeman, Jessica

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Gill, Amandeep

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Hardie, Rebecca

Swedish Medical Center

Hewes, Kelly

Swedish Medical Center

Iwuoha, Esther

Swedish Medical Center

Jabbi, Omar

Swedish Medical Center

Lui. Melissa

Swedish Medical Center

Nestlerode, Jordan

Swedish Edmonds

Ochoa, John

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Ogden, Stephanie Highline Medical Center

Cider Tetrone

Sidor, Tatyana Swedish Medical Center

Smith, Brendan
Swedish Medical Center

Song, Terry

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Uson, Tamara Swedish Medical Center

Wu, Jennifer

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Yibeltal, Menbere

Highline Medical Center

Zheng, Tao

Swedish Medical Center

Master of Science in Nursing

Kahle, Vanessa Swedish Medical Center

Men. Kalvan

Highline Medical Center

Peers, Cindy

Swedish Edmonds

Watson, Penelope

Swedish Medical Center

Master in Nursing

Dallenbach, Christine Swedish Medical Center

Derezes (Marcellus), Amanda

Swedish Medical Center

Diallo, Habi

Swedish Medical Center

Kelley, Severine

Swedish Medical Center

Llewellyn, Sarah

Swedish Medical Center

Randow, Amanda

Swedish Medical Center

Shapleigh, Erin

Swedish Medical Center

International RN Refresher

Hiyas, Rodrigo

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

graduates!

Allied Health AA Degrees & Certificates

Central Service Technician

Lvashuk, Nikolav UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center Matthew, Moses UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Purganan, John

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Williams, Vincent

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

Nursing Assistant - Certified

Antonellis, Monica Swedish Medical Center

Brimm. Janine

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital Checkole, Sultanu

UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center

DeShields, Christine Swedish Medical Center

Gamman, Tiffany Swedish Edmonds

Kidane. Akberet

Swedish Medical Center

Micayas, Mark

Swedish Medical Center

Montgomery, Shannon Group Health Cooperative

Munson, Laura Group Health Cooperative

Patton. Thomas

Swedish Medical Center Peppard, Jeremy

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Smith, Ninna

Swedish Medical Center

Tsokev, Stefan Swedish Medical Center

NA-C Acute Care

Rodriguez-Conde, Ana Swedish Medical Center

Anesthesia Technician

Mrsic, Juro

Swedish Medical Center

Emergency Medical Technician

Smith, Shannon Swedish Medical Center

Medical Assistant

Daffon, Fritzie Swedish Medical Center Dillman. Michelle Swedish Medical Center

Stetsyuk, Ulyana Group Health Cooperative

Medical Coding

Christensen, Jehan Swedish Medical Center

Swedish Medical Center

McCraw, Kathleen Swedish Edmonds

Skiffington, Kimberly UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Respiratory Therapist

Price, Rachel Highline Medical Center

Bachelors Degrees

Health Information Management

Vail, Denisha

Group Health Cooperative

Radiation and Imaging Sciences

Engida, Maru

Swedish Medical Center

Kadric, Lucy

Swedish Medical Center

Towler, Daniel

Swedish Edmonds

Clinical Lab Science

Baracht, Mina

UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital

Picture Archiving &

Communication Systems (PACS)

Murray, Serena Swedish Medical Center

other healthcare program graduates

Masters Degrees

Masters in Counseling, Psychology

Gavlick, Liisa

Swedish Medical Center

Masters in Social Work

Adhikaree, Jagadamba Swedish Edmonds

MEDEX Masters Program - PA

Filitovich, Yury

Swedish Medical Center

Masters in Business Administration. Healthcare Management

Pearson, Evelyn Swedish Medical Center

Masters in Public Health

Asgedom, Zereav Swedish Medical Center



your **fulfillment**

"I have completed my last class required for graduation (Bachelor of Applied Science in Radiation and Imaging Sciences). I want to thank all involved in facilitating my education through the Training Fund. This educational course has been challenging, rewarding, long, arduous, but ultimately fulfilling. I highly recommend my colleagues use the Training Fund for support in their education endeavors. The partnerships that SEIU Healthcare 1199NW has with our healthcare organizations gives me hope for the future that better educated employees deliver better care."

Daniel Towler, BS, Radiology Swedish Edmonds



your leadership

"The medical field is getting more complicated and a Bachelor's degree will help prepare me for the challenges ahead. I feel more confident and more prepared to be a leader."

Laurel Bettridge, RN, BSN Highline Medical Center

your **inspiration**

"Finishing my BSN program has inspired me to get a graduate degree in nursing. People at the Training Fund have been helpful and encouraging through the whole process!"

Tatyana Sidor, RN, BSN Swedish Medical Center

your **experience**

"My training benefit enabled me to get my RN to BSN and my MN without going into debt. The Training Fund took away the barriers to going back to school. Getting my MN degree has been an incredible experience and is one of the best decisions I have ever made!"

> Severine Kelley, RN, MN Swedish Medical Center

your **success**

"I am grateful to the Training Fund for helping me to get my Associates' Degree in Nursing. The Fund paid for all my tuition and textbooks from prerequisites through LPN and finally to the RN program. My family and I are immensely grateful for this benefit."

> Tochukwu (TC) Anamelechi, RN UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital





your **empowerment**

"Getting my degree empowered me to make a difference in people's lives. I am now able to have a job that I love and I'm proud to go to everyday. Most importantly, my degree enables me to financially provide for my children and their future. It was not easy to get to this point, but with the support from my family, my co-workers, and the Training Fund... I was able to cross the finish line!"

Cindie Ho, RN Swedish Medical Center

your **support**

"I got my degree using Training Fund benefits. My case manager supported me along the way and made the process very easy. I recommend my colleages consider using this great resource to move forward in their careers!"

Danielle (Dani) Jorgensen, RN Group Health Cooperative

your knowledge

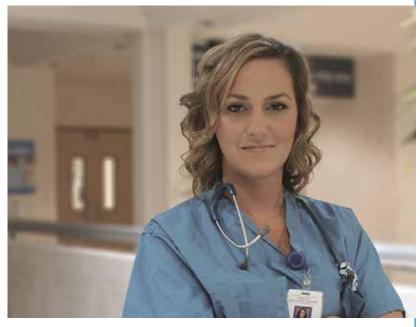
"I have gained a great deal of knowledge while attending the BSN program at UW Tacoma which helps me improve the quality patient care we are giving at our hospital. I'm grateful to have the Training Fund and the opportunity to advance my education."

> Menbere Ybeltal, RN, BSN Highline Medical Center

your advancement

"Not only did taking and passing the certification exam give me a dollar more an hour, but having these credentials also made me feel better trained."

> Mandy Fuller, RN, BSN UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center



snapshot 2012/2013

1,500

members used one or more of the Training Fund's benefits

55%

of members using the tuition assistance benefit are people of color

of members using the tuition assistance benefit successfully completed their program or are still enrolled in school after one year

members graduated with an Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degree

556

members used their professional developement benefit to take CEU classes or RN certification exams

members used tutoring services

your training fund

The purpose of the SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training Fund is to create a statewide program for addressing the workforce needs of participating employers and to support the career, knowledge, and skill aspirations of SEIU Healthcare 1199NW bargaining unit members.

The Fund was started in 2008 through negotiations among five participating employers and SEIU Healthcare 1199NW. In 2009, the Fund began offering education and training benefits for members to enroll in college or university programs to advance their careers in healthcare. In its second year the Fund added college preparation, basic computer and English classes for non-native speakers along with individualized tutoring to its education benefits. In 2012, our sixth partner employer joined the Training Fund bringing in another fourteen hundred service workers from across the state. The Training Fund currently serves over 10,000 workers state-wide.

The multi-employer labor/management partnership model allows the Training Fund to attract grant dollars to enhance services for its members and the community. Since 2009, the Fund has been awarded over 3.7 million dollars in federal, state and private grants to further its mission.

The Fund provides a range of benefits to its members:

- Career counseling and skills assessment to help members determine what career path they'd like to pursue.
- Funding up to \$5,250 per calendar year to pay for tuition and books for healthcare-related degree and certificate programs. (Increased to \$10,500 for 2012 and 2013.)
- Individualized tutoring services.
- Classes to enhance members' skills that prepare them for college, such as prep for college entrance placement exams, science and math workshops, medical terminology workshops, test taking skills workshops, English and adult basic education classes, and computer skills classes.
- Funding for professional development through continuing education classes and for RN specialty certification exam fees.

The Training Fund is a Labor/Management Taft-Hartley Trust, funded by collectively-bargained employer contributions to provide education and training benefits for eligible union members. It is governed by an equal number of management and labor trustees.

The Training Fund's six employers are: Group Health Cooperative; Highline Medical Center; UW Medicine, Northwest Hospital; Swedish Medical Center; Swedish Edmonds; UW Medicine, Valley Medical Center.













