

Staff Service Award 2009: Kira Zylstra
Formerly Sand Point Housing Liaison, currently King County HPRP (Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program) Coordinator

Congratulations to Kira Zylstra, Solid Ground's 2009 Staff Service Award recipient!

Kira's tireless efforts in laying the groundwork for expanding affordable housing at Sand Point Housing included analyzing what needed to be done, who needed to be included, and what materials were needed. She understood the multiple contracts and the vital relationships that needed to be both built and maintained in order for the project to move forward.



Kira didn't stop with understanding these needs; she worked to determine the next steps in the quagmire of both legal and personal relationships. Kira's ability to coordinate work projects meant that Sand Point's existing programs — Sand Point Family Housing, Santos Place, and the Youth group homes at Sand Point (Friends of Youth Harmony House, YouthCare Passages and YouthCare Pathways) — were the recipients of hundreds of hours of volunteer work. Projects included carpentry, painting, and creating community gardens. Kira's nonstop efforts have definitely made a huge, positive impact at Sand Point!

Solid Ground congratulates and thanks the winners of the 2009 Service, Community Service and Leadership Awards!