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The new non-profit senior "village" forming in northeast Seattle has now raised nearly \$20,000 as it begins significant fund-raising efforts necessary before it can deliver services aimed at allowing seniors to remain in their own homes and neighborhoods.

That total includes a significant donation from one foundation, and applications are pending at three more. All told, North East Seattle Together - NEST - now has more than 60 donors. Such neighborhood backing allows the organization to show larger donors that it has grass-roots support.

NEST is actively looking for additional board members to help with launching and running the organization. Neighborhood involvement is critical for success. NEST needs three board committee chairs to oversee membership, service development and board development, as well as a volunteer to lead a committee to organize social events later this year. NEST is also searching for donated office space, and thanks Bureau Veritas for its donation of office furniture.

NEST continues to hold community meetings to talk about its mission of helping residents of northeast Seattle remain in their own homes and neighborhoods safely and comfortably for as long as possible. The meetings are free and open to all. The next community meetings are:

Monday, Feb. 8, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, from 3-4:30 p.m.

Both will be held at the at the Northeast Library branch, 6801 35th Ave. N.E.

In addition, NEST is inviting residents of View Ridge and Hawthorne Hills to smaller gatherings in their neighborhoods. The View Ridge gathering is on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. The Hawthorne Hills gathering is on Friday, Feb. 12, from 9:30-11 a.m. For more information, or to donate, visit the NEST Web site: www.nestseattle.org, or e-mail info@nestseattle.org or phone 206-525-6378.

NEST incorporated last year and is now a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. It is part of a movement that

began in Boston in 2001 when Beacon Hill village was created by a group of long-time residents as an alternative to moving from their houses to retirement or assisted living communities. There are now more than four dozen such virtual "villages" across the country, building communities and helping reduce social isolation. Membership in NEST is open to all ages, and volunteers will provide most services. An annual membership fee will support a small staff, which will coordinate services, accredit providers and organize events.

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to North East Seattle Together, PO Box 51009, Seattle, WA 98115. Or contributions can be made electronically at the NEST Web site.

NEST will serve residents in the Bryant, Hawthorne Hills, Inverness, Laurelhurst, Maple Leaf, Matthews Beach, Meadowbrook, Ravenna, Roosevelt, Sandpoint, University District, View Ridge, Wedgwood, and Windermere neighborhoods. The geographic boundaries are east to Lake Washington, north to N.E. 110th Street, west to Interstate 5 and south to the Montlake Cut.

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