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New American Story

Since the fall of 2008, we have not been able to escape stories reminding of us a tale spun by John Steinbeck in *Grapes of Wrath*. Everyday news seemed to be consumed of hardworking Americans who were being forced to live life with their backs pinned against the wall. Stories littered the 24 hour news cycle with neighbors whose homes were being foreclosed, jobs that were lost and bank accounts drained trying to make ends meet.

For Nolan, Bryce and Jon (last names omitted for privacy reasons), the new American story has become all too familiar. Jon was faced with foreclosure on his home, job loss, absence of unemployment benefits and a spouse losing a battle with alcoholism. The snowball of the great recession was beginning to avalanche down on him and his family.

(Story continued at <http://kentyouthandfamily.blogspot.com>)



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Open Mic Night

In an effort to continue offering unique fundraising experiences, Kent Youth and Family Services and Urbia Fresh Café will host Coffee House Sessions on June 24th from 6-8 P.M. Located at 415 Central Ave. N. in downtown Kent, Urbia provides the perfect setting for guests to enjoy local artists as they share poetry, music, comedy and whatever else moves them. For \$4 per ticket or two tickets for \$5 and a portion of the evening's food and beverage sales benefiting KYFS, this is sure to be an event unlike any you have attended before.

Also, if you are feeling the itch to recite some original poetry, need to move an audience to an acoustic guitar performance, can make people laugh or have a talent that everyone must see, we want to see you at this event. We will be awarding prizes for crowd favorites and this will be a great opportunity to put your skills on display.

So, whether you are performing or just looking for a night out, we hope to see you at Urbia on the 24th.



Give Big

On June 23rd, 2011 from 7 A.M. to midnight, The Seattle Foundation will host its first GiveBIG – one of the biggest giving days in King County history. The goal is to turn out thousands of new and returning individual donors to help support Kent Youth and Family Services and other nonprofits across King County. The Seattle Foundation will boost donations made to KYFS even further thanks to business sponsors like CHASE, Seattle Sounders FC, Seattle International Foundation and more.

To donate directly to Kent Youth and Family Services, visit our page at <http://www.seattlefoundation.org/npos/Pages/KentYouthandFamilyServices.aspx> on June 23rd from 7 A.M. to midnight.

For more information on GiveBig or other donation opportunities, contact Nathan Box, Fund Developer, at (253) 859-0300 or via email at nathanb@kyfs.org



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