

## A PIANO FOR “OUR PLACE”

As we have become acquainted with Our Place, attending buffets, a bear visit, having a Garden Club Fashion Show, watching the Providence Point Players perform “A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum,” and two full houses for dinner buffets, we’ve discovered how popular and what a great place we have for our enjoyment.

People have noticed that there is something missing, however, because when Our Place was Bake’s Place; that something was a piano, a Baby Grand Piano! It added so much to the ambiance of Bake’s and would also do the same for Our Place. And in addition to ambiance, it will allow us to have musical events that will take advantage of the excellent acoustics.

Imagine attending a summer evening concert, sitting out on the deck with music spilling over you as you sip your glass of wine; a winter concert, listening to the warmth of Bach, with red curtains drawn against the grey afternoon sky.

It wouldn’t be all that hard for us, the residents of Providence Point to be responsible for the purchase of a Baby Grand. To quote Lee Inhelder of Center Village, “Were each of us living in these 1,008 units to donate between ten and twenty dollars, (that’s about the price of three Starbucks) we’d have enough for a second hand Baby Grand”. A grand piano is the Cadillac of all pianos due to the exquisite construction of the shape, the special aged woods, the length of the strings, and the depth of sound. It would enable us to attract top artists of all genres, because this is what they look for in a venue.

Carolyn Carson, who heads the Classical Music Group here at Providence Point, has scheduled four musical Sunday afternoons in Our Place; (1) September 30<sup>th</sup> - a harp and flute concert, (2) December 8<sup>th</sup> - the Seattle Boys Choir will perform their holiday program, (3) January 27<sup>th</sup> - Tim Lawler, renown classical guitarist, and (4) April 14<sup>th</sup> - the Spring Trio, which performed here last year. The Baby Grand will afford these events to be more special than without it. The added appeal of all concerts in Our Place will be the entrance foyer, which gives the ambience of a concert hall.

The Umbrella Board has appointed an ad hoc Piano Committee consisting of David Hewitt, Carolyn Carson and Margaret Moore. They will work out all the needed logistics and launch the campaign to raise the needed funds.

As it is important to secure the piano that they have found, an anonymous donor is lending the funds in order to secure it right away. So that means the piano will be purchased and on site as soon as it can be arranged. But we still have to conduct a successful campaign to raise the money to repay the donor.

Won’t you each help to insure that we will have that Baby Grand to enhance these musical events and to provide that ambiance needed in “Our Place”? Donations may be made out to PPHA (Providence Point Homeowners Association). Write in the memo section of the check “Piano Fund”. Your check may be delivered to Cynthia or Victoria

in the Property Management Office, Lorri or Genette in the Activities Office, or Poonam or Ron in the Accounting Office.