

## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, Director of Parks and Community Services  
Carrie Hite, Deputy Director of Parks and Community Services  
Judy Manchester, Youth and Family Services Supervisor

**Date:** July 8, 2009

**Subject:** Council Special Presentation: Kirkland Teen Union Building Program Update

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Kirkland Teen Union Building staff and teen participants will highlight programs offered at the KTUB.

#### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

The Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) opened its doors June of 2001. The City built an incredible facility and has contracted with Friends of Youth to provide the program support. Over the past eight years the KTUB has had three dedicated Directors, Cory Shepard, Cindy Peterson, and currently Seth Dostart. Under their leadership, the KTUB has made a positive name for itself on the Eastside. The KTUB has served over 26,000 duplicated youth and 9,000 unduplicated youth from July 2008 to June 2009. The unduplicated number of youth served in June 2008 to June 2009 increased by 3,000.

The Kirkland Teen Union Building has an extensive array of program offerings. The following programs are available to all teens:

Daily drop-in programs averaging 65 teens per day  
Leadership programs with a Youth Advisory Committee  
Educational classes  
A strong music program: music recording studio; weekly concerts; an extensive educational internship program  
Arts and Photography program with an internship component  
Employment Program and Services through the JW Café  
Civic Engagement and Service Learning Program  
Social Service Program – Teen Feeds  
Counseling provided by a Youth Eastside Services Counselor

The City generously supports the KTUB with \$160,000 annually. Friends of Youth provides financial support with \$120,000 annual dedicated funding. The Kirkland Teen Union Building provides approximately \$28,000 a year in rental and concert revenue. The KTUB has written and received grants this year totaling \$5,000 with approximately \$2,700 in in-kind donations of furniture and equipment.