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Thank you for your support. First of all, on behalf of the thousands of participants who make the Seattle Street of Dreams a reality, I want to thank everyone for their incredible outpouring of support.

As I write this, I am out of town with my wife and have secured the first flight back home. I have been unable to answer all of the calls and emails from local and national reporters, as well as friends, but wanted to provide a comment and answer the questions that have been sent our way.

We are saddened by this senseless act. Such actions to destroy the property of others by this means are criminal and counterproductive.

These homes were showcased in this past summer's 2007 Seattle Street of Dreams. The theme for our past summer event was focused on green and sustainable building. Each home shared a message of how various aspects of new home construction, architectural design, landscaping and home furnishing could be more environmentally sensitive, ecologically responsible and sustainable. These homes showcased some of the newest innovation in green building and design. One of the homes received the first Five-Star Built-Green ratings ever awarded in Snohomish County. Each of the five Street homes was Built-Green rated, a proud achievement for each builder involved. We stand behind our efforts to showcase and promote sustainable construction methods.

The homes were unoccupied and for sale. Each of the five homes was for sale. We thank God that they were unoccupied and no one was injured in these fires. According to an email we received from the listing and selling agents, one home just recently received an offer that had been accepted by the builder, and another home was to receive an offer this week. List prices for each of the homes were in the approximate price range of \$1.6 to \$1.9 million.

The Quinn's Crossing Development. **Yarrow Bay Development Company** (www.ybdc.com), the Kirkland firm that hired us to host the 2007 Seattle Street of Dreams is the land developer for Quinn's Crossing. At one time, there were issues involving an environmental activist group that had opposed the development, but in the end, it is our understanding the parties settled their differences. Nearly 75 percent of the land in the Quinn's Crossing is dedicated to open space and trails. We were proud to promote the various environmental and ecological attributes that made up the Quinn's Crossing community.

We will make it. Since 1983, the Seattle Street of Dreams has been regarded in the highest esteem by the public, our professional peers, and the two charities we serve, the **Children's Home Society of Washington** (www.childrenshomesociety.org) and the **Make-A-Wish Foundation** (www.northwestwishes.org). We aspire to inspire others in the field of new home construction, architecture, landscaping, and interior design. Over the years, we have had the good fortune each summer to receive the support of approximately 80,000 show attendees that tour these homes. We're thankful for your support, and we will be okay. These fires will not deter us from our mission, which has not changed since we began 25 years ago.

Please pray for the builders. These are challenging times. We hope and pray that the local and federal authorities will be able to apprehend and bring justice to the perpetrator(s).



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