



School of Piano Technology for the Blind Student Housing to receive upgrades and repairs through Evergreen Habitat for Humanity's "A Brush With Kindness" Program

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The School of Piano Technology's Joyce Evans Hall, which provides housing for the school's students, many of whom travel from outside the United States to attend the school, will receive much-needed upgrades and repairs this week through Evergreen Habitat for Humanity's "[A Brush With Kindness](#)" program.

Planned repairs to the home, which was donated to the School by Joyce Evans in 2001, include pressure-washing, replacement of old and/or decaying wood and siding, scraping, caulking, and painting, and a thorough clean-up of the grounds. Members of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club will also participate in the volunteer effort.

"We are so honored to be able to support the School of Piano Technology for the Blind through our A Brush With Kindness program," said Josh Townsley, Executive Director for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. "We want to promote the work done through this program and are excited to be able to do that through this project. We are proud to be able to support our community and do our part to ensure that no one lives in substandard housing."

Cheri Martin, Executive Director for the School, said, "We are excited to work with Evergreen Habitat for Humanity and very grateful to them for selecting Evans Hall to benefit through the "A Brush With Kindness Program" in providing these long overdue and very necessary repairs to our student housing."

Volunteers from Evergreen Habitat for Humanity will be on-site from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, through Friday, July 17. For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Heather Cochrun, of Habitat for Humanity at volunteer@ehfh.org or by phone at 360-737-1759 x 201. All volunteers must complete a volunteer release form and attend an 8 a.m. orientation meeting.

CURRENT PHOTO OF EVANS HALL ATTACHED

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The School of Piano Technology for the Blind was founded in 1949 by Emil Fries, a blind teacher and tuner who had a vision to start a school that would teach blind and visually impaired students the skills of piano tuning and repair so they could earn a good living and enjoy independent, productive lives in a financially rewarding profession. Since the School's inception, more than 300 graduates have gone on to good careers in universities, music stores, school districts, and most often operating their own business.