

Plymouth Housing Group Seeks Volunteer Groups to Adopt a Building

Plymouth seeks volunteer groups of 8 – 12 members to make at least a year commitment to one of Plymouth's buildings.

Plymouth's Mission and Population

Plymouth Housing Group works to eliminate homelessness and stabilize homeless and very low-income people in housing by preserving, developing and operating safe, decent, affordable housing, and by providing opportunities for homeless and very low-income people to improve their lives.

Plymouth provides housing for the most challenged long-term homeless people in our community—those with one or more disabilities such as mental illness, medical conditions, physical disabilities, AIDS, or alcohol/chemical dependency issues. Residents are primarily male—30% of the population are women—and they come from all ethnic and educational backgrounds.

Adopt-a-Building Program

Because Plymouth residents lived for many years on the streets or in shelters, they have often broken connections with friends and family. The main goal of the adopt-a-building program is to provide community and friendship—reconnecting residents to society and giving them social opportunities on a consistent basis. Our residents enjoy classes and outings, as well as opportunities to play games, eat together or just visit with new people. Not all residents are social, but there are many who are and will willingly engage with volunteers who show a sincere interest in getting to know them.

Program Activities Include:

- *Host a Monthly Meal and Social Event (onsite at the building)*

Food always brings people together, and furthermore it provides an environment to get acquainted with residents on a more personal level. During holiday months, special themed events are encouraged.

- *Provide Classes / Workshops*

Put the talents and strengths of your volunteers to creative use. Create activities or classes that the residents would enjoy. Treats are a good idea for this type of activity as well, as it encourages attendance.

- *Organize a Supply Drive*

Organize a drive to collect essential household items specifically requested from the adopted building's residents.

After getting to know the residents of the adopted building, build upon the skills of the individuals of your group, along with the residents' interest and needs, for other activity ideas!

Buildings "Up for Adoption"

- **Cal Anderson House** on Broadway near Boren (28 tenants)
- **David Colwell Building** near the intersection of Denny and Stewart (124 tenants)
- **Gatewood** on 1st and Pine Street in downtown (96 tenants)
- **Haddon Hall** on 3rd in downtown (53 tenants)
- **Lewiston Apartments** on 1st and Blanchard in Belltown (48 tenants)
- **Plymouth Place Apartments** on 1st and Denny in Lower Queen Anne (70 tenants)
- **Scargo Apartments** near 1st and Blanchard in Belltown (47 tenants)

For questions or to set up an informational meeting:

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"...our partnership with the St. Charles Apartments...is an expression of our belief that everyone deserves a safe place to live. We know our efforts are much appreciated by the St. Charles residents—they tell us so every month."

**Gary Ireland, Woodland Park
Presbyterian Church**