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Plymouth Housing Celebrates Plymouth Crossing, New Permanent Supportive Housing in Bellevue

Plymouth Crossing has 92 units; a behavioral healthcare team will serve residents at the on-site clinic



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(Bellevue, Wash.) – July 10, 2023 – [Plymouth Housing](#), a nonprofit developer and operator of permanent supportive housing today celebrated the official opening of Plymouth Crossing, its first building in Bellevue, WA with remarks from Plymouth Housing CEO, Karen Lee, Governor Jay Inslee, Rep. Adam Smith, King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Mayor Lynne Robinson and Robin Walls, Executive Director of the King County Housing Authority. As the first permanent supportive housing building on the Eastside, Plymouth Crossing is a major advancement in addressing homelessness on the east side of King County.

The new building is Plymouth’s first outside the city of Seattle and delivers 92 apartments for adults experiencing chronic homelessness. The building is part of a multifaceted housing campus designed to provide solutions to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness and housing affordability by offering a range of services and housing options.

"We know that 1,000 people experienced homelessness on the Eastside according to our most recent Point-in-Time Count," said Karen Lee, CEO of Plymouth Housing. "At Plymouth Housing, our success rate in

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helping people leave homelessness behind forever is more than 95 percent. We feel confident and excited about the potential impact of our newest building—Plymouth Crossing. We are grateful to the people of Bellevue, our Eastgate neighbors, the business leaders, and elected officials who partnered with us during this process. This building is the result of meaningful relationships we've built here in Bellevue and on the Eastside."

"Innovative partnerships, like the ones that made Plymouth Crossing possible, bring people together to create a space where people experiencing homelessness are provided the support they need to transform their lives. Combined with affordable housing options, Plymouth Housing and partners are developing multi-faceted solutions to this regional challenge, and I'm excited King County was able to partner with them to open these doors on the Eastside," said King County Executive Dow Constantine. "This grand opening is a celebration of what we can achieve when we all work together to ensure every person in this community has access to housing, support, and ensure everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

"Plymouth Housing's new building will help advance a vibrant community in Bellevue and the Eastside," said Joe Fain, President & CEO of the Bellevue Chamber. "When we account for the needs of the most vulnerable among us, everyone benefits. Plymouth Crossing and the broader Eastgate Housing Campus are the solutions to homelessness and housing insecurity we need, created through a collaborative partnership with the public sector, the business community, and those who live and work here."

The four-story building has a front desk staffed 24 hours a day, four staff offices, three units for live-in staff and a clinic for medical professionals to meet with residents onsite. In addition, a community room with a phone, TV, four computers and a community kitchen are available to residents.

In addition to Plymouth Housing's permanent supportive housing, the campus includes a 100-bed men's shelter run by Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) and 353 units of affordable housing operated by Inland Group. The campus sits on a 9-acre site that had been King County land at 13620 SE Eastgate Way. The project is the result of a unique partnership between Plymouth Housing, Congregations for the Homeless, and Inland Group and comes after a nearly decade-long effort championed by civic and business leaders, local advocates, and housing service providers.

Funding for the permanent supportive housing project comes from Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Washington State Department of Commerce – Housing Trust Fund, A Regional Coalition for Housing, King County, Wells Fargo, and Plymouth Housing's PROOF Capital Campaign donors.

About Plymouth Housing

Plymouth Housing's mission is to eliminate homelessness and address its causes by preserving, developing and operating safe, quality, supportive housing and by providing adults experiencing homelessness with opportunities to stabilize and improve their lives. Plymouth follows the "Housing First" philosophy, operating on the principle that people cannot improve their lives until they have a safe, stable place to live.
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