

Community Development & Engagement

Building supportive communities is at the core of Plymouth's mission. We're proud of our vibrant buildings that better the lives of **our residents**, **our neighbors**, **and King County**. Our projects are often mixed-use, including ground-floor retail space. Most people don't realize that Plymouth leases space to more than a dozen small businesses throughout Seattle's downtown corridor!

RIGHT: The ground floor of Kristin Benson Place is home to the headquarters and art space of Path with Art, whose programs help individuals heal from homelessness, addiction, and other hardships.



OUR DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES



SAFETY

Our buildings are staffed 24/7 to provide support for our residents and an affirmative presence for the neighborhood. We create a welcoming environment by keeping public areas monitored, clean, and well-lit.



DESIGN

We use design to enhance neighborhood identity. We get guidance from the community by developing relationships, holding public meetings, and actively soliciting feedback so we can add beneficial features to our buildings.



COMMUNITY

We're committed to supporting the neighborhoods around our buildings. We get to know our neighbors and contribute to community groups, both during development and once our residents and staff move in.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO HAVE PLYMOUTH AS A NEIGHBOR?

Plymouth strives to be a good neighbor for our community and our residents. Our residents face a multitude of challenges, and readily accessible support is critical to their ability to remain housed. All residents have an assigned housing case manager, and we operate 24-hour front desks to provide support at all times. This also means that Plymouth staff are available to watch and respond to incidents in the neighborhood at all times.

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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.



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PARTNERING TO SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS

Plymouth works with a wide array of community partners to provide residents with access to much-needed resources and support. Examples include partnering with:

- FareStart and Ballard Food Bank to ensure food and nutrition security. We are also exploring a partnership with Hopelink to bring a mobile food bank to Plymouth Crossing in Bellevue.
- Neighborcare Health, Harborview, Swedish, and Vituity/Rely Health to bring nursing, primary care, behavioral health, and substance use disorder care on-site.
- Seattle Mariners, Amazon, Microsoft, Seattle Seahawks and many other companies to bring volunteers into our buildings to serve community meals, play games and enjoy each other's company.

PARTNERING TO MEET REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

Plymouth Crossing in Bellevue is a positive example of Plymouth's commitment to building lasting and mutually beneficial partnerships in the communities where our buildings are located. In Bellevue, we established referral partnerships—and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)—with several community-based organizations to better serve the needs of the Eastside community. Referral partners include:

- Municipal governments: Cities of Bellevue, Redmond, and Issaquah
- Shelters: PorchLight, The Sofia Way
- Human Services Organizations: IKRON, LWUMC Safe Parking, LifeWire, and Reclaim

PARTNERING TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE

Working with and alongside regional organizations is a key priority for Plymouth Housing. We advocate for equity in housing to ensure that every person can access the housing they need and deserve. On the Eastside, Plymouth is a member of:

- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- Eastside Affordable Housing Coalition
- Eastside Affordable Housing Committee
- Eastside Alliance of Agencies
- Eastside Business Roundtable

We look forward to expanding our partnerships in existing and new communities because we believe that housing is a human right.



Plymouth celebrated the opening of Plymouth Crossing alongside the community partners who helped make the project happen.