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Leading Nonprofit Providing Essential Goods to Formerly Unhoused

Plymouth Housing provides items to help residents rebuild their lives; brings purpose and vibrancy to previously vacant storefront

(Seattle, WA – October 14, 2024) -- Plymouth Housing, a nonprofit helping individuals leave homelessness and achieve housing and stability, opened the Plymouth Supply Center last week in Belltown. The site will provide personal care items, household goods, pet food, and other essential items, free of charge, to help Plymouth’s 1,400 formerly homeless residents rebuild their lives.

Occupying the street-level commercial space of Sylvia Odom’s Place on Third Avenue—one of Plymouth’s 17 permanent supportive housing buildings across the region—the Plymouth Supply Center brings back a critical service that Plymouth provided to its residents for several years before it closed during the pandemic.

“When someone moves into a Plymouth apartment after experiencing homelessness, having a quality, permanent home is just the beginning. Not needing to worry about the cost of essential goods can go a long way in helping someone find stability,” said Kristina Giscombe, Clinical Director at Plymouth Housing. “We are so excited to have the Plymouth Supply Center up and running in its new location.”

The grand opening of the Plymouth Supply Center brings a welcome dose of revitalization to a part of Seattle known for vacant storefronts and high rates of visible homelessness and substance use. The brightly lit, newly renovated Plymouth Supply Center features a Pacific Northwest-inspired mural by local artist Stevie Shao, named one of [Seattle’s 25 most influential people](#) by Seattle Magazine in 2023. Volunteers from Washington Holdings helped paint the colorful nature scene. Wells Fargo, Napier Park Global Capital, PNC Foundation and IKEA also contributed funding, in-kind goods, and volunteering to complete the space.

“Plymouth’s new supply center brings beauty and purpose back to a formerly vacant storefront,” said Shoko Toyama, VP and Chief Development Officer at Plymouth Housing. “Revitalization isn’t just the responsibility of restaurants and retail establishments—nonprofit and human service organizations are doing our part, too, to make Seattle’s streets safer and more vibrant for the whole community.”

The Plymouth Supply Center will be operated by Plymouth staff and volunteers. Residents will be able to “shop” (free of charge) when the store is open, accompanied by Plymouth staff.

“For residents to come in and be able to shop in a place that looks like a store—bright, beautiful, and welcoming—that means a lot to people. It makes them feel seen,” said Searetha S., a Plymouth resident and former board member.

The Plymouth Supply Center is accepting donations of new or gently used household goods and decor; new, unopened personal care items and toiletries; kitchen items; and more. Learn more about the Plymouth Supply Center, and how to donate and volunteer, at PlymouthHousing.org/PSC.

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About Plymouth Housing

For 45 years, Plymouth Housing has worked across the region 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. Learn more at PlymouthHousing.org.