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Plymouth Housing Celebrates Re-opening of Historic Pacific Apartments

Seattle, WA (November 19, 2025) – Plymouth Housing, a nonprofit dedicated to providing adults who have experienced homelessness with permanent, stable housing and supportive services, today announced the re-opening of the Pacific Apartments — an iconic, century-old building in downtown Seattle that has been revitalized to better meet the needs of its residents.

In partnership with ARC Architects and Rafn Company Construction, Plymouth transformed the building’s former single-room occupancy layout into 112 modern studios and one-bedroom apartments equipped with private kitchens and bathrooms. Permanent supportive housing — Plymouth’s proven, cost-effective model — pairs high-quality housing with on-site services that empower residents to stabilize and thrive.

The renovation also modernized interior systems, enhanced accessibility across the building, and refreshed shared community spaces, all while preserving the Pacific Apartments’ historic character. The project reflects Plymouth’s longstanding commitment to stewarding Seattle’s architectural legacy and optimizing spaces for resident well-being.

“More than a century after it was built, the Pacific Apartments remains a vital part of both Plymouth Housing’s mission and Seattle’s story — an enduring landmark renewed for generations to come,” said Karen Lee, CEO of Plymouth Housing. “Our renovation modernized the space to improve resident experience while preserving iconic historic character that contributes to the beauty of Seattle’s downtown core — including stained glass and original masonry.”

Residents at the Pacific Apartments receive 24/7 staff support, case management, nursing, counseling, recovery programs, and opportunities for community connection. One resident, Steven, shared, “It took a long time to find happiness. But I’m getting my life back.”

Originally constructed in 1916 as the Leamington Hotel and Apartments, the Pacific Apartments has long been woven into Seattle’s architectural and social fabric. After falling into disrepair in the 1980s, the building was acquired by Plymouth Housing in 1993 following a successful advocacy campaign led by housing justice activists known as Operation Homestead.

Its initial renovation 25 years ago established permanent supportive housing on the site — preserving its historic character and solidifying its place in Plymouth’s ongoing legacy of creating homes across King County.

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About Plymouth Housing

With apartment buildings throughout King County, Plymouth Housing provides adults who experienced homelessness with the stable housing and support they need to thrive. Learn more at PlymouthHousing.org.