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TINY HOMES PROJECT
Help Us Create Much-Needed Housing!

At Sponsors, we know that stable housing provides the pathway to self-sufficiency and successful reentry. But securing an affordable home is an enormous challenge for people with conviction histories. With a spring groundbreaking on a lot located behind our Roosevelt Crossing main campus, the Tiny Homes Community will provide long term supportive housing for participants who have successfully completed our transitional housing program, but are at risk of homelessness because of their conviction histories and inability to afford market-rate rents.

These 10 mini-homes will be built to last, aesthetically pleasing, and attractively landscaped. A community building will provide meeting room space, a laundry facility and bike storage. Like our other properties, the complex will provide dignity and respect for its residents in a beautiful environment.

We will also create “equity accounts” for our residents. Approximately $100 of each tenant’s monthly rent will be deposited in a long-term savings account. These funds can then be used for upfront move-in costs when the resident is ready to transition to independent housing.

We are in the final phase of fundraising for this critical project and we need your help! We have successfully raised more than $1 million. A gift from you will help raise the remaining $75,000 to build this apartment community. It’s not too late to join Sponsors in breaking the cycle of homelessness, poverty and crime. As a partner in the Tiny Homes project, you can provide someone with a home for the holidays – and every day. Please help Sponsors grow toward the future with a gift today.
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Way Home

I continue to marvel at the number of complex projects we undertake, and The Way Home (TWH): Lane County Reentry Collaborative is a perfect example. The project has been in the works since 2016 when we were awarded a very competitive $1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Justice. Sponsors, in partnership with Homes for Good, Lane County Parole and Probation and Third Sector Capital Partners, was among seven national jurisdictions to receive the award designed to prevent and end homelessness among justice-involved populations.

TWH will provide Permanent Supportive Housing to 125 individuals in Lane County over the next five years. Project participants will be placed in existing long-term housing units at The Oaks at 14th, in addition to public housing units and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers available through Homes for Good. Residents will receive enhanced support services to encourage increased housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

Preparation for this work included a study of Sponsors’ track record for reducing homelessness and future criminal behavior. The results were very encouraging. People who lived in Sponsors long-term housing were sixty percent less likely to re-offend during a three-year period. Similarly, residents had fewer emergency department visits (-29%), inpatient stays (-5%), and demonstrated more appropriate utilization of primary care, behavioral health and pharmacy services.

The project paves the way for an outcomes-oriented contract with the State of Oregon. Through this agreement, the State will only pay for services if the Project achieves specific outcomes, including reductions in recidivism and homelessness, and a more appropriate utilization of health care (Medicaid) dollars. A rigorous evaluation will verify the results.

The Way Home formally launches this month. The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and its Oregon Impact Fund has provided $500,000 to support service delivery through June 30th, 2019. The project has a request in the 2019-2021 Oregon legislative budget that will provide funding for future years.

The Way Home is a unique opportunity to highlight our innovative work and longstanding partnerships while making a real difference in the lives of men and women returning to our community.

Paul Solomon

2016 Pay for Success Demonstration Grant Awards. Source: HUD/DOJ

BOARD UPDATE

Welcome, Senator Manning!

Senator James I. Manning Jr. joined the Board of Directors at Sponsors, Inc. in September 2018. His career includes public safety, extensive community service, and 24 years of active military service. His legislative priorities include Veteran’s issues, Criminal and social reforms, Universal Healthcare, Quality Education, Living Wage Jobs, and Safer Neighborhoods.

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SPONSORS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
Providing social support services since 2011

Did You Know That…

… by spending just 4-6 hours per month as a mentor, you can have a lasting impact on someone’s life?
… over 540 community members have volunteered as a Sponsors mentor since 2011?
… the Mentorship Program has provided pro-social recreational opportunities for over 1400 participants?
… Mentorship case managers provide broad-based support to volunteer mentors and their mentees?
… the Mentorship “Active in Recovery” Peer Mentoring Program provides sober-living support to people who have a desire to live a clean and sober lifestyle?

The Mentorship Program needs male mentors!
To learn more, please call (541) 735-6400 today.

URGENTLY NEEDED!
Bikes and men’s clothing

Our Bike Drive has produced 90 bikes, which is more than halfway to our goal! We need 150 bikes - a bike for every bed. Your bike donation provides participants with affordable transportation to interviews, jobs, school and other destinations. We accept bikes in any condition. Please let your friends, neighbors and co-workers know about our Bike Drive!

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