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Where you treat your friends like family and your family like friends. -Proverb



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Tiny Homes: A White Paper

Community Frameworks announces the release of their Tiny Houses White Paper, available for download on their website at CommunityFrameworks.org. The white paper provides development tips, funding guidelines and a walk through of success story [Quixote Village in Olympia, WA](#). CF takes pride in being at the forefront of affordable housing development. Working with our clients on innovative projects like Quixote Village, the first permanent tiny house solution to ending chronic adult homelessness, gives us the opportunity to create advanced, cost-effective affordable housing solutions for those in need.

[The white paper](#) discusses cost savings offered by this unique model, and offers tips on design, development, budgeting, and how to avoid roadblocks that may arise. It covers the importance of tiny house and community center features and how a methodical approach can increase social interactions, provide support as a means to an end, and promote healthier living and lifestyles for chronically homeless adults.

Ginger Segel, senior developer at Community Frameworks, states that Community Frameworks was, "honored to be chosen as the developer for Quixote Village and looks forward to replicating this unique and successful new model."



SHOP Affiliate Spotlight: Whatcom Skagit Housing

Community Frameworks' Self-Help Homeownership Program ([SHOP](#)) funds land acquisition and infrastructure development to create affordable homeownership opportunities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This quarter's BIG SHOP THANK YOU goes to Whatcom Skagit Housing, ([WSH](#)) for teaming up with the SHOP program to build 43 affordable homes as part of the 90 lot waterfront community [Drayton Reach](#) in Blaine, Washington. Almost half of the homes in this project are affordable to those earning below 80% of the area's median income – a wonderful mix of people and an example for all communities to strive for!

Follow the development of the [Drayton Reach project](#) by [clicking here](#).

If you are a nonprofit organization who wants to learn how you can use [SHOP funds](#) to build your own affordable homeownership project, [click here](#).



Takoda Park's Newest Homeowner

Community Frameworks (CF) partners with Copper Basin Construction and Coldwell Banker Tomlinson realtors on Takoda Park, another affordable homeownership opportunity in Spokane, WA.

We would like to introduce Community Frameworks' newest homebuyer, Andrew "Andy" Lockett, now a first time homeowner in Takoda Park. Andy first heard about Community Frameworks a few years ago when his mother purchased a home using CF's program. In 2014, he decided it was his turn. Tired of renting a place too small to meet his needs, Andy inquired about Takoda Park. With the right motivation and a little guidance from CF's certified counselors, Andy moved in to his new home in 2015! He says the thing he most looks forward to is "summer BBQs!"

Now that he has plenty of room for himself, his girlfriend, his 2 cats and the fish, Andy states his next move is to "get a fence and a dog." More good news: Andy tells us his new living conditions are, "much better!" and he, "loves having a garage." No doubt that with Andy's hobby of rebuilding racecars, that garage will be put to good use!

Andy also mentioned that working with Community Frameworks was "Awesome!" and we think the same thing about working with him! We want to give a special thanks to Andy for being Takoda Park's newest first time homebuyer and for letting us join in on his journey to homeownership.

For an application to purchase and more information, please visit our website: CommunityFrameworks.org

#YourHomeMatters2015

PRSSA Bateman Case Study Competition





Community Frameworks (CF) is a proud supporter of the national HomeMatters® movement, and is pleased to announce our participation in the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSSA) Bateman Case Study Competition to benefit the success of the HomeMatters® national campaign this year. Each year PRSSA invites student teams from around the country to develop public relations campaigns to promote a social cause.

This year's cause is HomeMatters®, a national movement that's redefining the American Dream to be where every American lives in a safe, nurturing environment with access to quality education, healthcare, public spaces and community services. The new American Dream is a societal commitment to improve upon and balance quality of life and Home is our nation's common denominator. Over the next 10 years, HomeMatters® and their supporters will affect the following change:

1. Decrease Homelessness
2. Increase Affordable Rentals
3. Increase Homeownership
4. Increase the Quality of Homes and Communities

Why? Because a stable and affordable home impacts educational achievement, health outcomes, public safety, the economy and –ultimately- personal success.

Central Washington University's PRSSA Chapter in Ellensburg, WA is CF's partner in the [national Bateman competition](#). The group planned an affordable housing fair appropriately named "Your Home Matters". The goal was to promote the importance of local affordable housing and related resources. The team did just that, with promotions, lead up events, and a successful affordable housing fair on February 21st, 2015.

One week before the "[Your Home Matters](#)" Fair, families and individuals participated in a "pre-event" called Sunday Funday with an artwork station to decorate ceramic tiles with their vision of 'why their home matters'. They were able to later see their tiles displayed in a mini mural at a local art gallery, Gallery-One. This encouraged participants and passers-by to reflect on why their home matters and how affordable housing helps the entire neighborhood thrive.

Local businesses and nonprofits came together to donate resources and spread awareness through their networks about the affordable housing fair. As a result, at the fair the PRSSA team was able to offer a homeownership educational class, an artwork station where children and adults decorated additional ceramic tiles, goodie bags for guests and vendor booths full chock full of information and resources in the local area.

The CWU PRSSA chapter and Community Frameworks believe this is a highly replicable event that communities throughout the Pacific Northwest and throughout the Nation can use to promote affordable housing. If you like the idea and want more information on how to host your own, just call Community Frameworks at 360-377-7738 and ask for Carli.

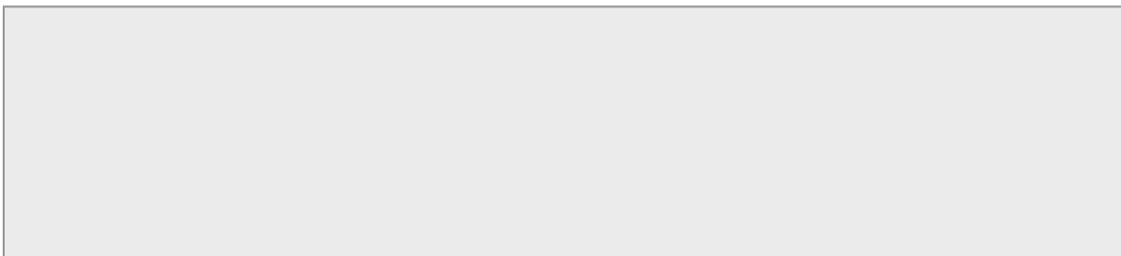




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Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day 2015 Olympia, WA

An advocacy day is an organized event at the legislature where people meet their lawmakers to advocate for specific legislation and policies. Each year, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) organizes the largest advocacy day focused on affordable housing and homelessness.

Community Frameworks is a member of WLIHA, a statewide legislative and policy advocacy organization that leads the movement to ensure all Washington residents have the opportunity for a safe, healthy, affordable home. Every year, Community Frameworks attends Advocacy Day to support legislative policies that will help create affordable homes and support safety net programs.

This year, a major focus was to connect affordable homes with educational success. Education begins at home. It begins with healthy children and children are much more likely to be healthy when they have a stable home. Healthy kids do better in school. Housing is also ultimately a public safety issue. Inequality in opportunity will begin to break down the safety and stability of our neighborhoods and communities. It is vital that we invest in stronger communities and opportunity now, rather than sit back and watch neighborhoods erode and become increasingly unsafe. Funding the full spectrum of housing needs including homeownership is critical.

Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day is an important event for advocates. It is a show of force to the legislature that people across the state care about these issues. It is a chance for us to deepen our civic engagement and learn more about the latest affordable housing and homelessness policy issues, but advocacy isn't just for one day. Legislators need to hear these messages all year long.

Washington Residents: Show your support by contacting your senators and representatives today! Just click here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder>

SAVE THE DATE



We're participating again this year!

Stay tuned to our social media to learn more starting April 6th!

TUES. MAY 5, 2015

National NeighborWorks Week

We're participating in this again this year, too!

Stay tuned to our social media to learn more starting May 7th!

JUNE 6-14, 2015

We are always working hard to do our part to house those in need. For live updates and communications, please visit our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) feed, e-mail us at communityframeworks@gmail.com or click on any of the icons below to stay connected.

We love to hear your feedback and ideas so drop us a line anytime!



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