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Portland YouthBuilders and the Portland Community Land Trust have completed their second joint affordable housing construction project in the King Neighborhood of northeast Portland.

YouthBuilders, a vocational training program for young people aged 17 to 24, was the developer of the new single-family home at the corner of Northeast Sixth Avenue and Killingsworth Court. PCLT, a non-profit dedicated to bringing affordable housing to the city, will hold the land in trust, and a qualifying family will purchase the two-story, three-bedroom house for \$112,172.


The homeowner will lease the land from PCLT through a 99-year, renewable land lease. The Portland Development Commission provided the land on which this home was built. PDC also provided a subsidy to reduce the sales price of the house for the homebuyer.

Financing for the project during construction included loans from several faith-based lenders who



Shatoya Oliver and Timothy Joli celebrate the completion of their work on an affordable housing project. The members of YouthBuilders earned high school or general equivalency diplomas while acquiring construction skills and new values to lead self-sufficient and productive lives.

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A partnership between advocates of vocational training for youth and affordable housing for adults resulted in the construction of this new at Northeast Sixth Avenue and Killingsworth Court.

Founded in 1999, the Portland Community Land Trust has a simple but compelling mission: to keep homes affordable forever.

Founded in 1993, Portland YouthBuilders is a non-profit organization offering educational, vocational and leadership development programs for 100 low income,

at-risk young people aged 17 - 24 who have dropped out of school. PYB students earn high school or general equivalency diplomas

while acquiring the skills, values, and experience necessary to lead self-sufficient and productive lives. The Portland program offers construction training and computer

technology vocational training, and is based on a highly successful model that began in New York City in 1979.

The construction training program is an approved pre-apprenticeship program through the Or-

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Jump Start College Careers

The Youth Opportunity Center, 3034 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, in partnership with Sabin Community Development Corp. and the Microsoft team has put together an excellent college prep workshop for college bound youth.

All area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, and

parents of high school students are encouraged to attend the Saturday, June 4 session from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Jumpstart College Bound workshop also is geared for youth planning for their futures or considering college, but are held back due to lack of funding.

Representatives from Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Portland State University, Portland Community College, the Art Institute of Portland and Heald College will also participate in this workshop.

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