

Rockwood Building to Focus on Families

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Human Solutions, Inc. held a groundbreaking last week for the construction phase of The Rockwood Building, a new 75,000 square foot building located at 124 N.E. 181st St. at Couch in Gresham.

The building will contain a multi service center leased to six non-profit agencies on the ground floor, plus 47 affordable apartments on two upper stories. Partner agencies that will offer services at the center for low-income and homeless area residents include Loaves & Fishes, Mt. Hood Community College Head Start, LifeWorks Northwest, Metropolitan Family Service, Wallace Medical Concern, and Human Solutions.



An artist's rendering shows the multi service center and housing complex coming to the Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham, a project of Human Solutions, a non-profit corporation helping low income and homeless families.

After more than six years of fundraising and project design, the Rockwood Building will be the realization of a concept envisioned by Human Solutions to bring much-needed housing and a suite of human services designed to serve homeless and low-income families in the Rockwood area, together in a single building.

The building will be constructed on a lot that has been empty for 30 years in the heart of one of the poorest areas in Multnomah County. It will bring infrastructure development and much needed social services to families in East Multnomah County, many of whom have been displaced by gentrification that has taken place in several Portland neighborhoods.

"Human Solutions is thrilled to be celebrating the groundbreaking of The Rockwood Building," said Jean DeMaster, executive director. "This is a success story not only for our agency and funding partners, but for the low-income and homeless residents of this community. We are extremely excited about the Multi Service Center model, which

will bring together six service providers in a single location, allowing all of the participating agencies the ability to more effectively coordinate services and care for their clients."

At a cost of more than \$17 million, the project's complex financing structure includes 30 diverse funding sources. Major funding will come from \$5.3 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

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