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HOUSING

Tiny House for Dignity Village

Student build nears completion

Ted Morissette will pursue his passion for film production when he begins college next fall. But before he graduates from Oregon Episcopal School in June, he's satisfying his curiosity about home building by leading a group of fellow volunteer students in construction of a "tiny house" to be donated to Dignity Village in northeast Portland.

Morissette, 19, along with Kristen Dallum, a staff advisor from the school, has been leading the group for the last several months in organizing volunteers, scheduling work parties and generating donations of building materials, food and other items to help the project come together. The group has been working since mid-February — sawing lumber, beams, flooring, trim and siding and piecing and pounding it in place.

Now nearing completion, the tiny home will be moved from its building site on a dock at Pacific Lumber in Beaverton to Dignity Village on Wednesday, May 13.

When the students visited the village at the beginning of their project they found the camp, created as a refuge for the homeless, was always in need of more and safer structures for their population.

In recent years, tiny houses have been seen as a way to combat homelessness with many popping up around the country in neighborhoods designed for low- and no-income housing similar to Dignity Village.



Oregon Episcopal School senior Ted Morissette leads fellow students in building a 'tiny house' benefitting Dignity Village.

Leveraging Affordable Housing

Rent vouchers committed to South Waterfront

There has been little to cheer about concerning affordable housing in the new South Waterfront neighborhood, but now at least 200 affordable homes are coming to the district thanks to a partnership between the Portland Development Commission, Portland Housing Bureau and Home Forward.

PDC, which owns the land,

has made a site near OHSU available for a joint mixed-use mixed-income development. As many as 90 of the housing units will be affordable to households earning less than 30 percent of the median family income (\$24,250 or below for a family of four) thanks to a commitment from Home Forward, the housing authority for Portland, to dedicate 80 rent assistance vouchers to the project, including 10 for homeless veterans.

Home Forward's contribution will also leverage other resources to support deeply affordable

housing within the project, officials said.

"South Waterfront offers many amenities and opportunities that should be available to Portlanders of all income levels," said City Commissioner Dan Saltzman.

The vouchers from Home Forward are part of the agency's new initiative dedicating 500 rent assistance vouchers over the next several years to projects that provide housing opportunity for low-income families in neighborhoods with good schools and amenities.



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