



KeyBank Donates \$10,000 to Naturally Beautiful Project

Funding opportunities to learn how to braid hair

region. Since then, they have helped hundreds of families who needed support for styling their children's afro-textured hair.

"Their vision—to give all children with afro-textured hair a sense of pride and dignity, thus allowing them to embrace their own hair and culture—really resonated with me," said Josh Lyons, KeyBank's Market President for Oregon and S.W. Washington and Commercial Banking leader. "As the parent of Black children, I appreciate their ability to help my daughter celebrate her natural beauty and heritage and develop a sense of confidence related to her unique identity."

The Academy is playing a key role in creating a ripple effect, he adds. "They are helping inspire entrepreneurs to build a financial future through small business ownership, while becoming a catalyst for change in the community."

KeyBank has donated \$10,000 to the Naturally Beautiful Project, a non-profit with the mission of providing a safe and judgment-free space for parents and children to learn the necessary tools to achieve healthy hair. The funds will go directly to the Naturally Beautiful Project Academy to sponsor attendees who will learn how to braid and then turn the skill into a thriving business.

The Naturally Beautiful Project was founded by Regina and Andru Morgan in 2017 to help introduce African-American hair culture to the Pacific Northwest

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(NHA) and designed by SERA Architects, was constructed by Walsh Construction with a sustainable Earth Advantage Multifamily Certification. Built with a focus on walk ability and public transportation, it is located within walking distance of TriMet, Tigard Public Library and Universal Plaza. The development includes amenities such as fully equipped kitchens, walk-in closets, air conditioning, and community features like outdoor spaces, meeting rooms and laundry facilities. Financial contributors include Washington County through their allocation of the voter-approved Metro Affordable Housing Bond, City of Tigard, Metro's Transit-Oriented Development program, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Enterprise Community Partners, and Umpqua Bank.

In anticipation of the grand opening event, Vitoria Rae, an NHA Board Member and resident, shared that "As an older adult, having safe and affordable

housing is critical to my overall well-being. Seniors face many challenges as they age, including finding affordable places to live on a fixed income. Alongside Senior Apartments not only takes away the burden of expensive housing for seniors, but also breaks down barriers to isolation that many seniors face through being located next to the Tigard Senior Center, which offers an entire array of community services for elders."

County Chair Harrington meanwhile stated that, "Everyone deserves a place to call home, especially seniors, who are particularly affected by the regional housing crisis. That is why I am proud to be part of such a diverse collective coming together, in honor of 'The Oregon Way', to build affordable homes like Alongside. With its many amenities and services, we are making housing more affordable, while also building a stronger community that will help our seniors live their golden years gracefully."

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