



The Beaverton Shelter joins the Washington County shelter program, representing over 430 beds county-wide thanks to critical Supportive Housing Services funding

Beaverton Shelter Addresses Homelessness and Supports Community

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connect shelter guests with, is life changing.”

“The opening of this shelter marks an important step forward for our community,” said Mayor Beaty. “It’s the result of remarkable teamwork and dedication from state and federal legislators, county officials, local non-profits, city councilors, and city staff—all working together to make this vision a reality. This shelter reflects what we can achieve when we come together, providing essential support and services for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.”

“Our region’s housing crisis knows no boundaries, but for too long, our shelters have been concentrated in Portland – not accessible to all the region,” Metro Council President Lynn Peterson said. “Thanks to voters, we are taking a regional approach to homelessness by bringing services to communities where people are

struggling. The Beaverton Shelter will be a critical resource for this part of the region as we work toward ensuring that homelessness is rare, brief and nonrecurring.”

“I’m so proud to have been a part of the team that secured the resources which made this project possible,” said Sen. Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton, SW Portland). “There is a critical need for supportive services and warm, dry beds throughout the region as we continue to combat our homelessness crisis, and this new shelter is an important step forward.”

The shelter is made possible thanks to \$4.8 million from the voter-approved Metro Supportive Housing Services measure and approximately \$9 million in state and federal funding, including American Rescue Plan Act funds. Ongoing operations will also be funded by the Washington County allocation of the Supportive Housing Services measure.

The 12,000-square-foot property located at 11380 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway is situated in an established business area, centrally located near transit, and within walking distance to groceries, social service agencies, and employment opportunities.

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Building our Community Together New Mural at Rosewood Initiative

PSAA is excited to announce the completion of a new mural located at The Rosewood Initiative. The mural, titled The Eastside, celebrates the vibrant and diverse community of East Portland, where so many stories of resilience and growth take root. Set among a garden of iconic Portland roses and new blooms, the mural honors the strength of immigrant journeys and the pride in the many cultures that shape this community. Though often overlooked and underserved, East Portland continues to strive, thrive, and uplift its members, standing as a vibrant hub of economic growth and opportunity.

The Portland Environment Management Office (PEMO) of the City of Portland provided a grant to support the creation of this mural.

The mural was designed and painted by Portland-based

mural artist and founder of Art Larger Than Me, Daren Todd. Daren creates vibrant, community-driven artworks that blend abstract art and graphic portraiture, capturing the interconnectedness of humanity and nature. If you look closely, you can spot him in the mural.

The Eastside represents the diverse community that the Rosewood Initiative serves, and includes stylized portraits, symbolic of the many cultural groups who call East Portland home. Daren thoughtfully illustrated the spirit of this well-loved social service hub and its important role as an anchor in the East Portland community, along with their slogan “Building Our Community Together.”

This mural came to life through a process of carefully selecting images from The Rosewood Initiative’s archives, capturing moments from community events and the everyday life of East Portland. By combining the emotion and pride in the portraits with a variety of Oregon’s native plants and flowers, Daren

aimed to create a design that would brighten the previously faded yellow exterior of The Rosewood Initiative.

“The Eastside took about a week to complete, with the help of a small, dedicated team of assistants. I’m incredibly proud of the outcome and deeply grateful for the opportunity to visually represent what The Rosewood Initiative stands for. My hope is that this mural truly reflects the spirit of the people who make East Portland what it is.” – Daren Todd

“We are thrilled to see this mural come to life! Daren’s art brings together an important piece of our growing community hub. It has transformed the outside of our building into a welcoming space that invites community members in, and captures the resilience, diversity, and beauty of East Portland. We have so much gratitude for Portland Street Art Alliance and the Portland Environment Management Office for being great partners in this process and making the mural possible.” – The Rosewood Initiative Team

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