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**Bold project to end youth homelessness and address housing instability
breaks ground in Capitol Hill**

Seattle, WA – Construction on a landmark project is underway at the corner of Broadway and Pine, where three local organizations are joining forces to build affordable housing alongside a groundbreaking initiative for young people experiencing homelessness. The project, a collaboration between Community Roots Housing, YouthCare, and Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority, will merge affordable housing with a comprehensive youth development center, creating a cornerstone of stability, support, and opportunity for young people overcoming homelessness in King County.

YouthCare's [Constellation Center](#), a 24,000-square-foot facility offering workforce training, education, and wraparound services tailored for youth in need, will be located directly next to 84 new affordable homes, fifteen of which will be set aside for young people transitioning out of homelessness.

The new housing, a mix of studio and one-bedroom apartments to be operated by Community Roots, will serve households earning between 30% and 50% of the area median income. For an individual, that translates to an annual income between \$31,620 and \$52,700.

"The 2024 Unsheltered Point-in-Time Count identified over 1,800 young people experiencing homelessness in King County, highlighting the urgent need for creative, comprehensive strategies," said Christopher Persons, CEO of Community Roots Housing. "At its core, this project is a civic endeavor that meets urgent, city-wide needs to support our low-income and unhoused neighbors. We're not just building apartments; we're building a model for effective interventions and community empowerment."

At the heart of this initiative is YouthCare’s Constellation Center, a first-of-its-kind hub designed to provide young people with the tools to succeed. From sector-specific job training to holistic youth services, the Constellation Center is poised to change the trajectory of countless lives.

"The Constellation Center represents a bold step toward transforming the lives of young people in our community," said Degale Cooper, CEO of YouthCare. "By creating a dedicated hub for workforce development, we are bridging the gap between potential and opportunity. Young people will gain the tools, training, and support needed to build lasting careers and stable futures. This is more than a center—it’s a launching pad for the dreams of the next generation."

The new Constellation Center space will be located where the Booth Building currently stands, and the original style of the façade will be rebuilt. This new space will allow YouthCare to expand their programmatic offerings, creating a hub of career-building opportunities and resources for young people. The project utilizes a diverse portfolio of funding sources, including a mix of debt, tax credit equity, and critical funding from the state, county, and city. This development is made possible by generous support from the Seattle Office of Housing, King County, Washington Department of Commerce, JP Morgan Chase, National Equity Fund, Seattle Human Services Department, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal.

Walsh Construction will serve as the general contractor on the project; Weinstein A+U designed both the residential and commercial components of the shared campus. The demolition and remediation phase of construction began on January 6, 2025, and completion is slated for spring 2027.

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About Community Roots Housing

Everyone has the right to a quality, affordable home. At Community Roots Housing, this truth drives our work. By embracing community-led development and engaging in deep-rooted partnerships, we’re fostering vibrant, equitable communities where everyone has access to safe, affordable, and welcoming homes. Today, with nearly 50 apartment buildings and over 2,000 residents, we continue our commitment to build community with and for people. Learn more at communityrootshousing.org

About YouthCare

For nearly 50 years, YouthCare has been at the forefront of ending youth homelessness, empowering young people to overcome adversity and build thriving futures. From emergency shelters to workforce training programs, YouthCare provides the essential tools and resources young people need to achieve stability, independence, and success. In 2024, YouthCare undertook a pivotal transformation. With a strategic focus on efficiency and impact, the organization recalibrated its operations, maximizing public and private funding to fully support essential staff roles. This intentional approach allowed YouthCare to strengthen its service delivery while positioning itself to meet the evolving needs of young people for decades to come. Through innovative programs, housing solutions, and holistic support services, YouthCare continues to break the cycle of homelessness. At the heart of its mission is a steadfast belief:

every young person deserves safety, stability, and the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Learn more at youthcare.org.

About Seattle Chinatown International District PDA

Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) is a community development organization whose mission is to preserve, promote, and develop the Seattle Chinatown International District as a vibrant community and unique ethnic neighborhood. Formed by the community in 1975, SCIDpda works to revitalize and preserve the neighborhood by providing services in three primary areas: affordable housing and commercial property management, community economic development and community engagement, and real estate development. SCIDpda has 45+ years of experience in increasing neighborhood sustainability through innovative programs and projects that balance development and preservation. Learn more at scidpda.org



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