

**Do you know of any "low income" housing options,
what kinds of rent is expected, and what kinds of settings are these?
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**This Land
(The suppressed verses)**

As I went walking I saw a sign there
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing,
That side was made for you and me.

In the squares of the city, in the shadow of the steeple,
By the relief office I saw my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking
Is this land made for you and me?

—*Woody Guthrie*

Shared Housing: Where is it?

- There is a wide diversity of shared housing options and each have their own entry points and specializations. There is no one platform that's one size fits all.
- Associated Ministries hosts two home share programs that provide unique low-cost housing options within private homes. Below are links to learn more about each program.
 - Adult homesharing program: <https://associatedministries.org/supportive-services/home-sharing/>
 - Youth host home program: <https://associatedministries.org/supportive-services/youth-host-homes/>
- Case managers have relationships with landlords to get rapid rehousing—even with relationships, it's difficult to find something that's really affordable.
- Peace Lutheran Church—through a partnership with national church, they have four houses that they own and can offer to people in Hilltop under threat of displacement.
- There are opportunities for local churches to partner with national denominations to fund these kinds of needs.
- Black congregations in the community sometimes have housing opportunities.
- Tacoma Ministerial Alliance has developed a bit of housing.
- Fife has the Chateau Rainier complex. BIMA (Believing In Myself Again) is another great program.
- Tacomaprobono has wonderful up to date resource for what is currently available at <http://tacomaprobono.org/hjplinks/> Recommended use of Coalition web page as new resources get posted.

- The Hive Home model can provide sub-30% AMI housing, but only for program support, not as stand-alone housing. Legal costs, and provisions in both the Tacoma 4 All and City tenant's rights referendums make low-margin housing unviable.
- Workforce has paths for those who qualify for Career Team, which offers various sorts of training but also sometimes first and last months' rent.
- There are also places like Quixote Village
<https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Washington/Olympia/Quixote-Village/10107001>
- Sometimes there can be shared space in unusual settings, such as businesses.
- There are short term rentals such as AirBNB - probably market rate.

Also Duly Noted

- We should have a presentation that highlights the diversity of shared housing options.
- Spoke about importance of small guaranteed annual income projects and rental assistance programs that make it more possible for people with very low income to stay in housing and get a place when need it.
- Reinforced the importance of education in general to help people prepare for housing challenges.
- The answer to all of this is social housing - government owned, available at every level of income, rent-controlled. Vienna is a model of this.
- Community buy-in is vital to create successful, public housing. It's difficult to secure buy-in to introduce this from community members who are affluent.
- Housing projects turn into ghettos when there is insufficient investment into the community in terms of support.
- Why are we spending public funds on sweeps and not on publicly-owned housing? Even if it were just a unit in an apartment complex at a time?
- There are way too many regulations to develop affordable housing.
- There should be training to reduce the runaround that people must go through.
- Coordinated entry should be mobile—go to the people in need.
- There is a lack off reciprocity for housing referral options available to and from smaller communities.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

August 5th benefit concert for Golden Goose Homes. If you have donation items for the silent auction, please contact me at rianbooker@gmail.com

PRIDE Fest Puyallup is this Sunday at 4pm at Grayland park. It's been asked that people bring water, to be donated to local efforts.

Resource Center address, hours, and contact info: 4009 South 56th St, hours currently Mon/Wed/Fri 10am-3pm, store hours 7 days/10am-5pm Djacobson@svdptacoma.org, 253-355-5868

The Tacoma for All monthly campaign meeting will be July 16th, at 6:00 PM at Common Good, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, 621 Tacoma Ave.

Please participate in this grantwriting support survey.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=5Kj32tfFQ0e-gC9zkXEvJA4P6RqBFABFgZwVxg81modUOFQxS0wwOTFTSjdBS1ZKMkJMVU05MTc0VC4u>

Save the date: Fabulous Finds August 11th and 12th. Contact Theresa if you have donations tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Xylazine: An Introduction for Service Providers Working with Unhoused Individuals | HHRC (hhrctraining.org)

Towards a new understanding: The California Statewide Study of Persons Experiencing Homelessness, June 2023. https://homelessness.ucsf.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/CASPEH_Report_62023.pdf

Updates to Tacoma Housing Code can be found here https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/CMO/OEHR/RHC%20Outreach%20Spring%202023%20-CE%20final.pdf

Information on Housing4All ballot measure: <https://www.tacoma4all.org/>

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Tell the coalition about your organization's good work. Contact tpdrutis@nctacoma.org to schedule a brief presentation. 🗣️

Recent Press

Please help spread the word about veterans' PACT Act eligibility

<https://news.va.gov/109115/spread-word-pact-act-health-care-eligibility/>

Story this morning in TNT on zoning issues with homeless village.

<https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/article277208668.html>

Ongoing Resources and Needs

How to sign up for Coalition listserv:

You can sign up for the email lists here: <http://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Outreach Supply Need and Share form: <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

Find Naloxone Near You. Use Naloxone Finder, from www.stopoverdose.org. | Stopoverdose.org

Renters' Readiness Stabilization classes sign-up form REGISTER NOW!

<https://forms.gle/fEz8CjSfzS3ZvKRe6>

The Housing Narrative Lab has published new messaging resources for how to talk about homelessness, Download the report at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/c6faf641-e14f-4048-95d9-e408daadd9c1>

Housing Alliance Advocacy Links

WLIHA Advocacy pages - Take Action Now! <https://www.wliha.org/take-action>

Advocacy resources: 2023 Public Policy Priorities <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2023-public-policy-priorities>

Join the weekly advocate calls on Fridays, 2-3pm on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdumvrDMtHtSqWteCBB4VDeAolIRnuCl>

<https://leg.wa.gov>

<https://twv.org>

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness can be found here:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>