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The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) is one of the largest developers and operators of Tiny House Villages in the country. In collaboration with the City of Seattle, other cities, counties, the state of Washington, tribes, and non-profits, LIHI ensures people's experience with homelessness is safe, dignified, and as brief as possible.



THE PROBLEM

Seattle has the third largest homeless population of all major cities in the country. The current stock of shelters and affordable housing cannot keep up with the dramatic increase in the number of people who are unhoused.

Currently, there are over 60,000 homeless people, including singles, couples, and families with children in Washington State, according to the Department of Commerce. Seattle/King County has over 15,000 people who are homeless, with the majority living unsheltered.



OUR SOLUTION

In 2015, LIHI started building Tiny House Villages as a response to the homelessness crisis. Tiny houses are a form of enhanced shelters and offer tremendous benefits over tents – they are safe, heated, insulated, weatherproof and lockable. Tiny House Villages allow participants to reclaim their dignity and get on a path to permanent housing, employment, and connection to supportive services.



OUR COMMUNITIES

There are 18 tiny house villages operated or supported by LIHI in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Skyway, and Bellingham. Each village has hygiene facilities, laundry, a community kitchen, Wi-Fi access, case manager offices, and a supportive neighboring community that is actively engaged in the success of participants. LIHI partners with neighbors, volunteers, community groups, non-profits, faith organizations, and schools that help support the villages with donations, meals, and volunteerism. These 18 villages shelter over 2,000 people annually.





THE TINY HOUSES

A tiny house is approximately 8' x 12', and materials cost about \$4,500. All tiny houses are safe, sturdy structures that help protect homeless singles, couples, families with children, and people with pets who are sleeping outside in unsafe conditions.

Tiny houses offer a grassroots solution to the Puget Sound region's homelessness crisis by collaborating with students, volunteers, building trade organizations, businesses, faith partners and non-profits in their construction.



AMENITIES - MORE THAN A STRUCTURE

Each house has electricity, overhead light, insulation, and a heater. Each village has a kitchen, bathrooms, laundry facilities, offices for 24/7 on-site staff and case managers, ample storage, and a check-in pavilion for security.



OUR SUCCESSES

Through our supportive services and housing resources, clients of the Tiny House Villages have experienced success in moving out of homelessness. We have helped hundreds of village participants each year move into permanent housing and find employment. 65% of clients stay less than 6 months.



COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS & THE FUTURE

Village clients participate in community meetings, chores, litter patrols, and serve as eyes on the street in the neighborhood. Volunteers, neighbors, and donors play a huge part in building the houses, setting up the villages, and providing food and supplies. Local governments and donors partner with LIHI by providing land and setup and operating funds. Tiny Houses serve as a stepping stone to permanent housing and save lives. We continue to forge new partnerships and are working to open more villages in the near future.

HOW TO HELP

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE TINY HOUSE VILLAGES:

BUILD

Do you or your group wish to build or donate a tiny house?
For more details, contact tinyhouses@lihi.org

VOLUNTEER

Learn about upcoming volunteer work parties by signing up at lihi.org/tiny-houses. Volunteer or organize a donation drive by contacting the Tiny House Team: volunteer.program@lihi.org



A donation of \$4,500 pays for the materials to build a tiny house. Any amount helps. Donations can be made on our website (www.lihi.org) or by check to **LIHI**, 1253 S. Jackson St. Seattle, WA 98144

Donations of food, clothing, and hygiene supplies are appreciated. Please contact volunteer.program@lihi.org to make arrangements.

Thank you!



For more information on tiny house villages, please visit www.lihi.org/tiny-houses or reach out to tinyhouses@lihi.org