

Vision House Jacob's Well



VISION HOUSE

Churches and Businesses Unite to Build Supportive Housing in Shoreline for Homeless Mothers and their Children

The Vision

In a precedent-setting movement in late 2002, local north-end clergy of many Christian denominations came together at the invitation of business owners, Kurt and Craig Campbell. The purpose was to build relationships, pray and investigate community needs. The group developed a plan to help their neighbors in need by bringing church congregations, community members and businesses together into the helping services arena. Today, this group is comprised of dedicated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who share the vision of helping those less fortunate.

The original vision was for a Christian Community Center called Jacob's Well. The group then focused on the need for supportive, transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children. They identified Vision House, well established in Renton, as an appropriate model of Christian transitional housing.

Vision House

Vision House, a non-profit organization, provides transitional housing and support services to homeless mothers and their children and separately to men recovering from drug or alcohol addiction. Since 1990, Vision House has served more than 500 people in rebuilding their lives to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community.

Following the command in the book of James to meet the physical needs of the less fortunate, Vision House helps individuals break cycles of poverty, domestic violence and addiction, with the goal of meeting their spiritual needs as well.

***"The Vision House Children's Village is an extraordinary model for our country."
Philip Mangano, Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness***



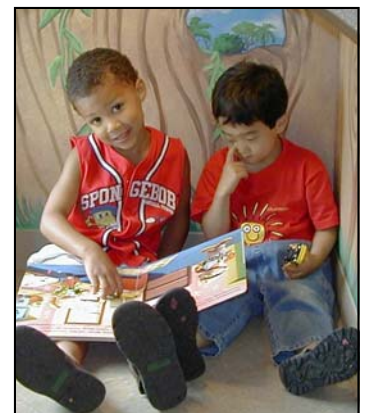
The Project

Local churches, businesses and Vision House plan to build a complex to provide a structured, safe environment to support homeless mothers and their children for up to two years as they develop job skills, living skills, and if needed, continue their recovery from chemical dependency and abuse. The facility will include 20 transitional housing units, a child care center for 60 children and the 6,300 square foot Jacob's Well Service Center.

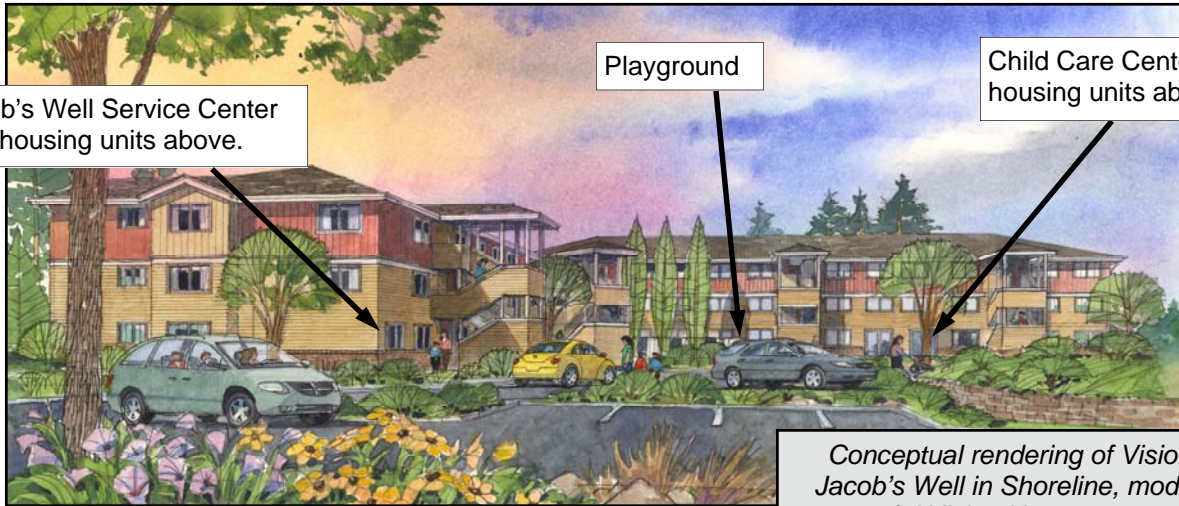
The service center will support Vision House families in developing job skills, living skills, and ongoing recovery from domestic violence and chemical dependency. The center will include counseling offices, a computer lab, and an open common area for events, community meals and children's programs such as tutoring clubs, peer groups, movie nights and other activities. It will also include space for a food, clothing and resource bank to support Vision House families.

We plan to carry out this mission through programs aimed at building self-esteem, personal discipline and vocational skills. We will help the women and children in our care to realize their full potential to become productive, responsible, self-sufficient members of the community.

Property has been purchased off Ballinger Way and 23rd Avenue NE in Shoreline. The property is conveniently located near grocery shopping and public transportation. The design and permitting process is currently underway, as well as a capital campaign to raise funds to begin construction.



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Conceptual rendering of Vision House Jacob's Well in Shoreline, modeled after successful Vision House program in Renton

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 Church of the Good Shepherd
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 CrossPoint Lynnwood Church
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 Greenwood Christian Church
 Lynnwood Church of the Nazarene
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