

From Darin Goss, Chief Executive Officer Providence St. Peter Hospital

The Providence system's Community Partnerships Division, in cooperation with Providence St. Peter Hospital, is pleased to provide the City of Olympia with **\$100,000** of Community Health Investment funding to serve individuals who are currently unstably housed, living in vehicles along Ensign Road.

In collaboration with other community partners, these resources are intended to help with the delivery of critical social service supports for these individuals, including a safe location to reside. This investment is aligned with our Mission-centered commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable, and our values of compassion, dignity, and justice.

Every three years, Providence Southwest Washington conducts a [Community Health Needs Assessment](#) (CHNA), which is an opportunity to engage our communities, with the goal of better understanding community strengths and needs. The CHNA utilizes multiple sources of information, including state and national public health data, qualitative data from interviews with community stakeholders, publicly available health data, and hospital utilization data.

In our 2020 CHNA process, homelessness and a lack of safe, affordable housing were prioritized by all stakeholders and consistently ranked as the most important challenge that needs to be addressed in Southwest Washington. Through our [2021-2023 Community Benefit efforts](#), in alignment with our Mission, resources, and hospital strategic plan, we continue to be committed to collaborating with community partners, including the City of Olympia, on this issue.

Providence recognizes the vital intersection between health care and housing and believes both are basic human rights. This \$100,000 investment supports the needs identified in our CHNA and furthers the Providence system goal of addressing homelessness, housing, and the inequities of accessing services by underserved populations.

Please note we are not looking for media attention with this donation however you can share the donation internally. On behalf of many here at Providence, we look forward to our ongoing partnership in this area.

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