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In partnership with the City of Seattle, Nickelsville, SHARE, and partners throughout the state of Washington, the Low Income Housing Institute is now one of the largest providers of Tiny Houses in the nation, ensuring that people's experience in homelessness is safe, dignified and as brief as possible.



THE PROBLEM

In the state of Washington, there are currently more than 40,000 homeless individuals living in either shelters or in the outdoors. More than 7,000 of these individuals are part of a family with children (WA Dept. of Commerce). In King County, the 2017 point-in-time count indicates that there were 5,485 people living outdoors – a 21% increase from 2016. While Veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness have gone down in recent years, the current stock of shelters and affordable housing cannot keep up with the dramatic increase in the number of homeless people.



OUR SOLUTION

In 2015, LIHI started building Tiny House Villages as a response to the homeless crisis and as a replacement for tents. Tiny houses offer tremendous benefits over tents – they are safe, weatherproof and lockable – and the Tiny House Villages allow residents to reclaim their dignity and get on a path to permanent housing, employment and connection to supportive services.



OUR COMMUNITIES

There are currently 8 Tiny House Villages in Seattle: Northlake, Interbay, Good Shepherd at 22nd and Union, Othello, Licton Springs, Georgetown, Whittier Heights, and Camp Second Chance. Each village has hygiene facilities, utility access, and a supportive neighboring community that is actively engaged in the success of the residents. LIHI partners with Nickelsville, SHARE, and Camp Second Chance (C2C), who organize the residents into self-managed, democratically run communities. These 8 villages support over 1000 residents annually.





THE HOUSES

By collaborating with volunteers, building trade organizations, and non-profits, tiny houses offer a grassroots solution to a growing program. A tiny house is approximately 8' x 12' and materials cost \$2,500. All tiny houses are safe, sturdy structures that help protect homeless individuals and families who are faced with sleeping on the streets in unsheltered and unsafe conditions.



AMENITIES – MORE THAN HOUSES

Each house has electricity, overhead light and a heater. Each village has kitchen and restroom facilities, onsite showers and laundry (or access to them nearby), a counseling office, a gate house for security and a donation hut. (Pictured: Licton Springs Village shower facilities)



OUR SUCCESSES

Through our supportive services and housing resources, residents of the Tiny House Villages have experienced success in moving out of homelessness. Over the past two years, we have helped more than 300 people move into permanent housing and more than 200 have been employed.



COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS & THE FUTURE

With Nickelsville, SHARE, and C2C, village residents participate in community meetings, do daily 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. The City of Seattle is a major partner, providing land and operating funds. Together we are finding new ways to help people in crisis. 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.

JOIN THE 1,000 TINY HOUSE CAMPAIGN!

DONATE

Give a donation or sponsor a tiny house for \$2,500.
Contact Anne Nguyen at **206-957-8022** or anne.nguyen@lihi.org.
Donations can be made on our website (www.lihi.org) or
by check to **2407 1st Ave Seattle, WA 98121**

BUILD

Build a tiny house. For more details, contact
Brad Gerber at **206-276-3552** or bradgerber@lihi.org.

VOLUNTEER

Join a build party by contacting
Josh Castle at **206-957-8067** or jcastle@lihi.org.

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Recognizing LIHI's groundbreaking Tiny House Villages as a national model for the homeless crisis, the Puget Sound Business Journal named LIHI as its non-profit Innovation Award Honoree for 2018



For more information on the tiny house villages, please visit www.lihi.org/tiny-houses.