



Welcome to Sound Foundations NW



ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Homelessness is a multi-faceted problem with many solutions.

Our goal is to be a part of the solution to end homelessness in this community in the next seven years. We have a proven system, and the system is working.



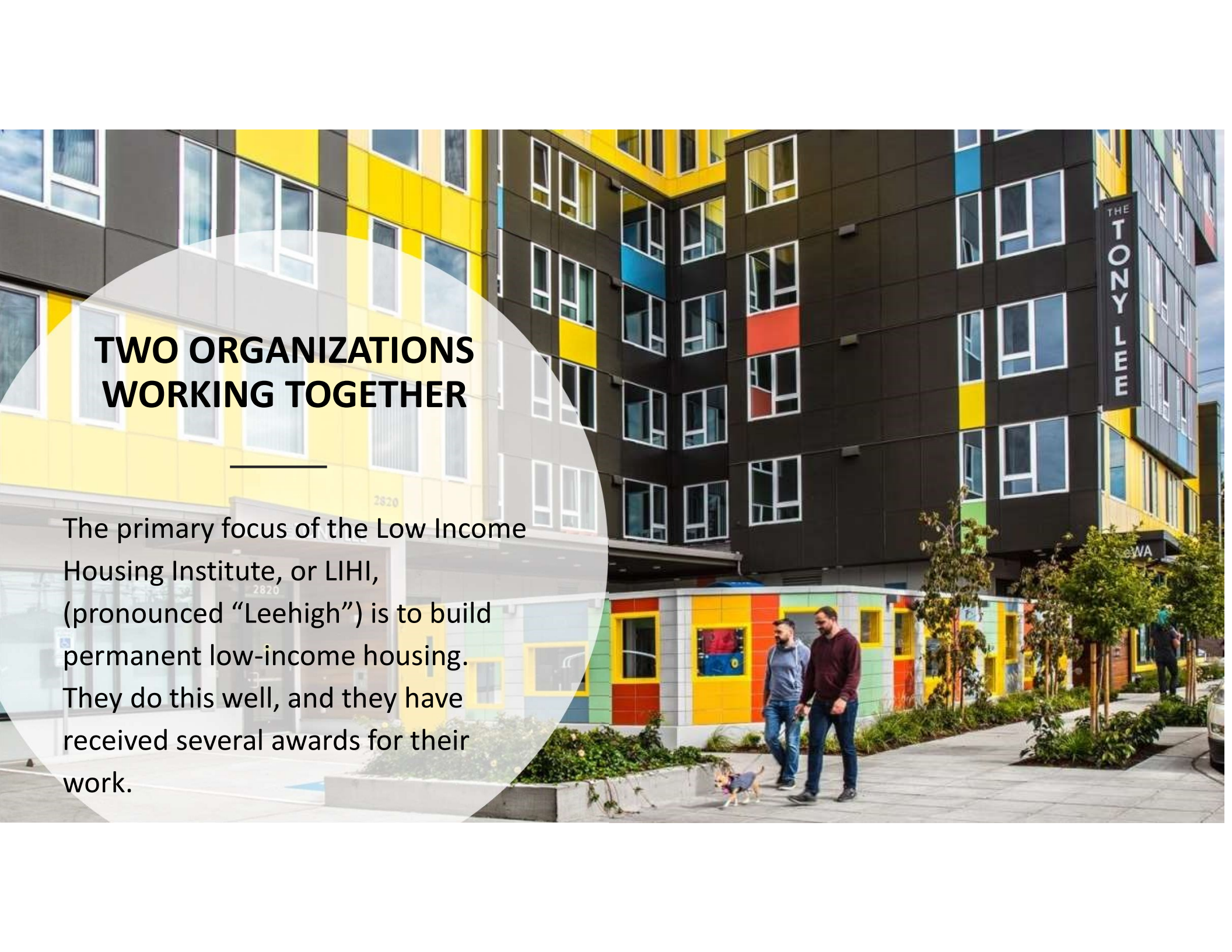
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The first step to ending homelessness is to get unsheltered people off the ground and give them a temporary place to live that is warm, safe, dry and now with Covid, healthy.

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Sound Foundations NW (<https://www.soundfoundationsnw.org>) has partnered with the Low Income Housing Institute (<https://lihi.org>) to do just that.



TWO ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

The primary focus of the Low Income Housing Institute, or LIHI, (pronounced “Leehigh”) is to build permanent low-income housing. They do this well, and they have received several awards for their work.

A photograph of a row of tiny houses in a village. The houses are small, single-story structures with gabled roofs and are painted in various colors: light blue, yellow, and white. They have small windows and doors. In the foreground, there is a wooden deck with a railing. The background shows a clear blue sky with some clouds and a hillside with trees.

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Another important program that LIHI oversees is the tiny house village program. This is a proven program designed to take the first step to getting homeless folks off the streets by providing them with transitional tiny homes in tiny home villages.

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LIHI sets up all the infrastructure for the villages: land acquisition, setting up communal spaces like the kitchen, rest rooms, laundry and shower facilities.





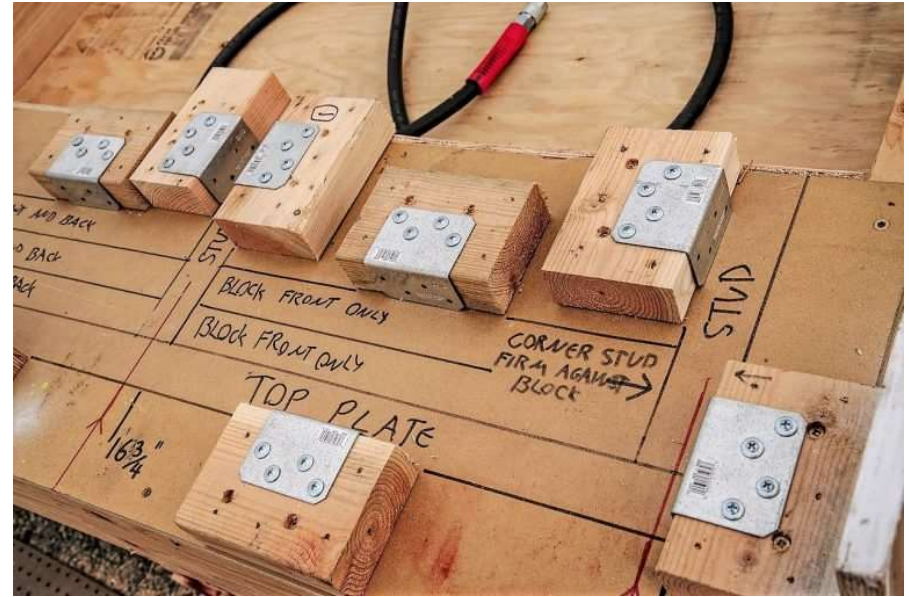
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LIHI helps the residents set up their own governance. They also provide a case manager in each village to help residents secure vital social services, job, and educational opportunities. Then LIHI helps transition the residents into permanent housing.



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Sound Foundations NW's primary focus is to provide LIHI with quality tiny homes and to assist LIHI in any way we can.



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Sound Foundations NW uses a series of unique templates, called jigs, to build the parts of the tiny home: the platform (floor), walls, and the roof.



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In fact, we have a jig for nearly everything we do!



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Each 8 ft. x 12 ft. home is designed to last 20 years or more.

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On average, two persons per year transition in and out of each tiny home. This means that every one of our homes in its lifetime has the potential of getting 40 people off the streets.

A PROVEN SYSTEM

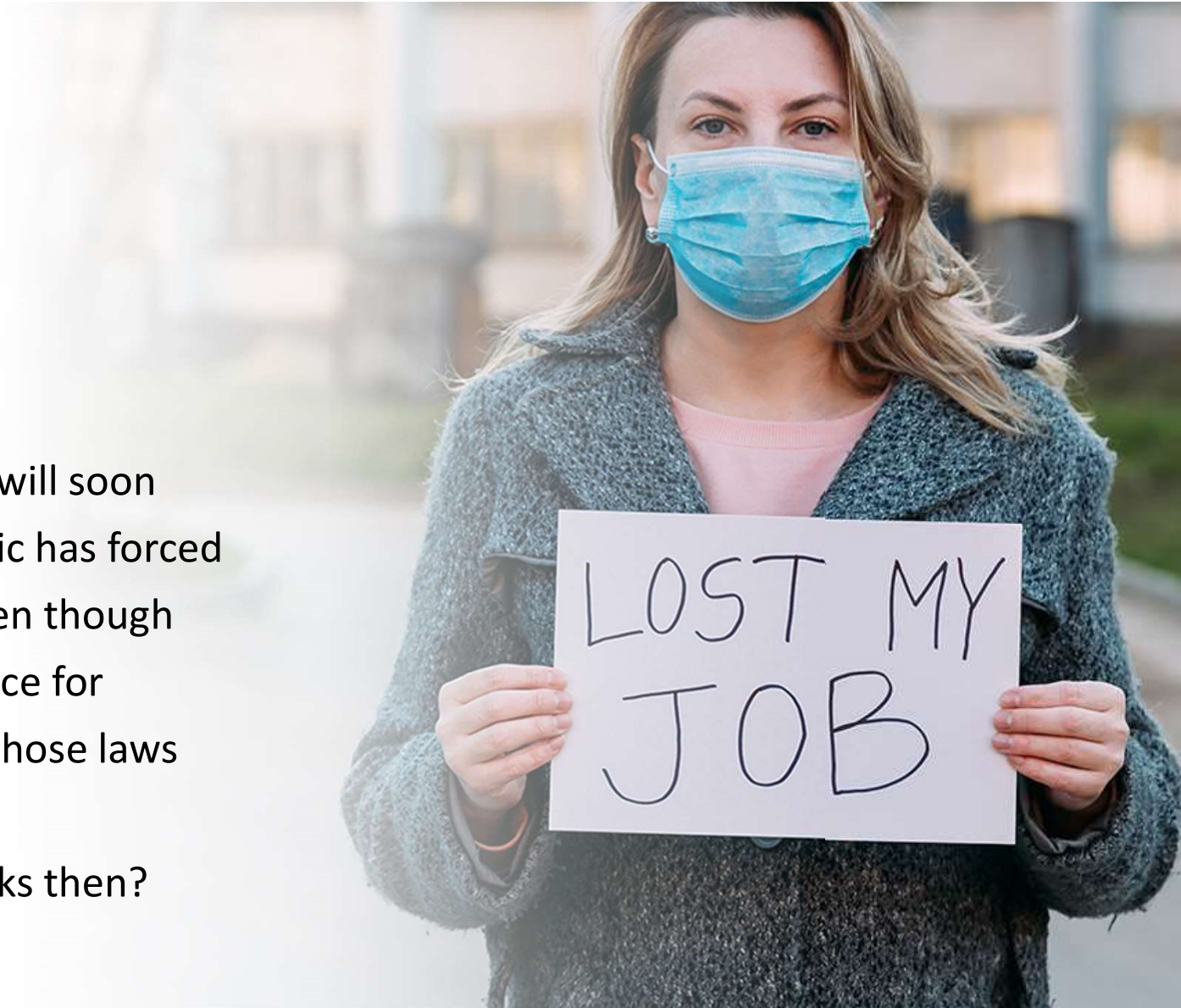
We now have a four-year track record of preventing homelessness in our community.

- No one living in a tiny home has tested positive for Covid-19. Unfortunately, 440 people living in emergency shelters (50 locations), homeless housing (37 locations), and camping outdoors have tested positive in King County.
- Last year, working with LIHI's dedicated case managers, 52% of the tiny home village residents who exited moved into long term housing: 36% moved into permanent housing.
- Also last year, 16% of tiny home village residents moved into transitional housing (many with Section 8 subsidies). In contrast, only 4% of people who exited emergency shelters and 23% who exited enhanced shelters obtained permanent housing.

IS THERE A NEED?

Yes, and we believe the need will soon be even greater. This pandemic has forced many people out of work. Even though there currently are laws in place for eviction relief, at some point those laws will expire.

What will happen to those folks then?





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There are five new tiny home villages being planned for the first five months of 2021. Each village will have between 35-50 homes. Sound Foundations NW will build many of these homes.



A NEW WAY OF BUILDING QUALITY HOMES.

For the past four years, Sound Foundations NW has built the tiny homes one at a time in “The Big Tent” with an all-volunteer crew, averaging two homes every three weeks. Together with LIHI, we see the handwriting on the wall for the need for several more tiny homes in 2021.



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Last October, Sound Foundations NW and LIHI formed a special partnership. LIHI provides Sound Foundations NW with a building space in SODO (Seattle) nearly three times the size of our former facility.



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In exchange, Sound Foundations NW has converted our building system from building one home at a time to an assembly line system. We have just started this process and are ramping up to full production within the next 60 days.



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Based on our time analysis studies, we believe that at full production, we will be able to build **1-2 TINY HOMES EVERY DAY!**



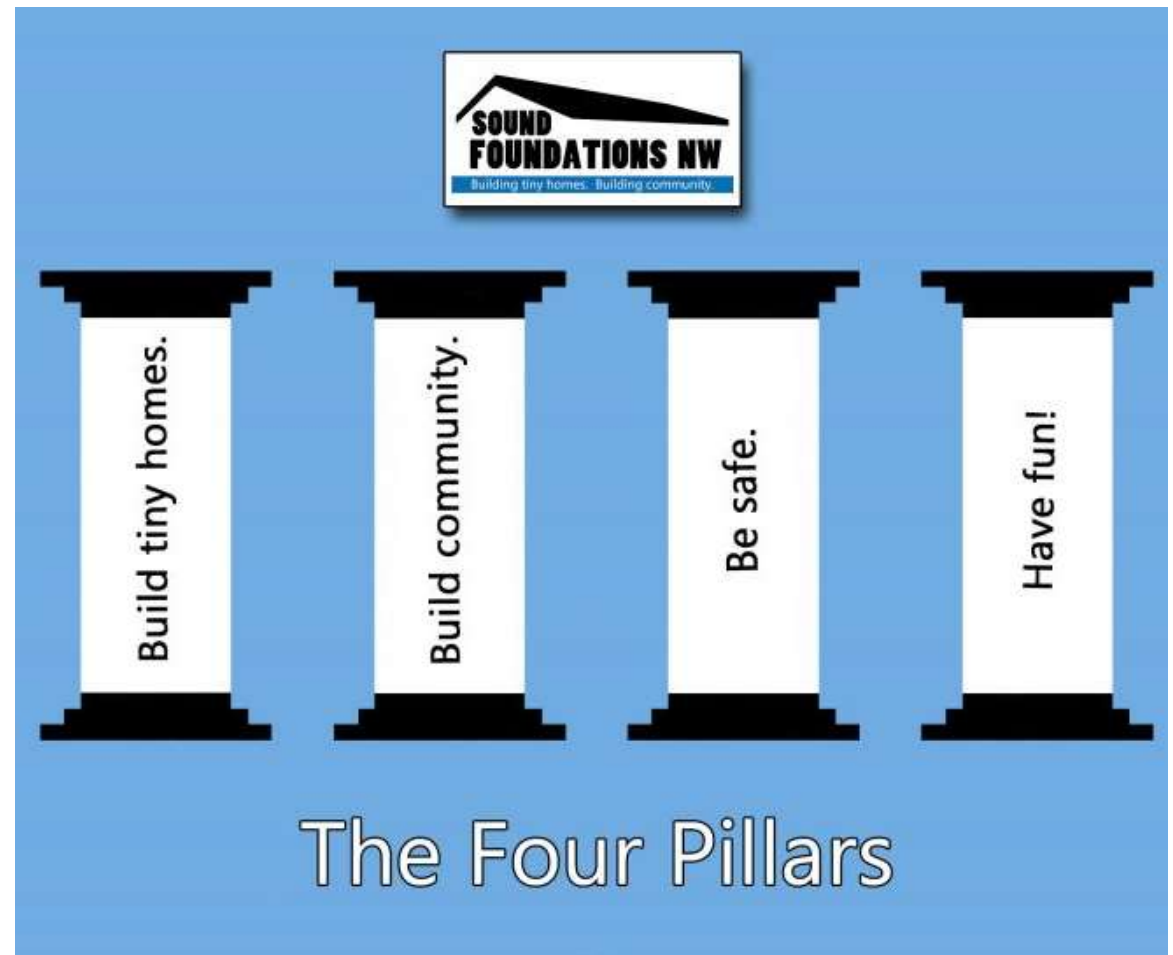
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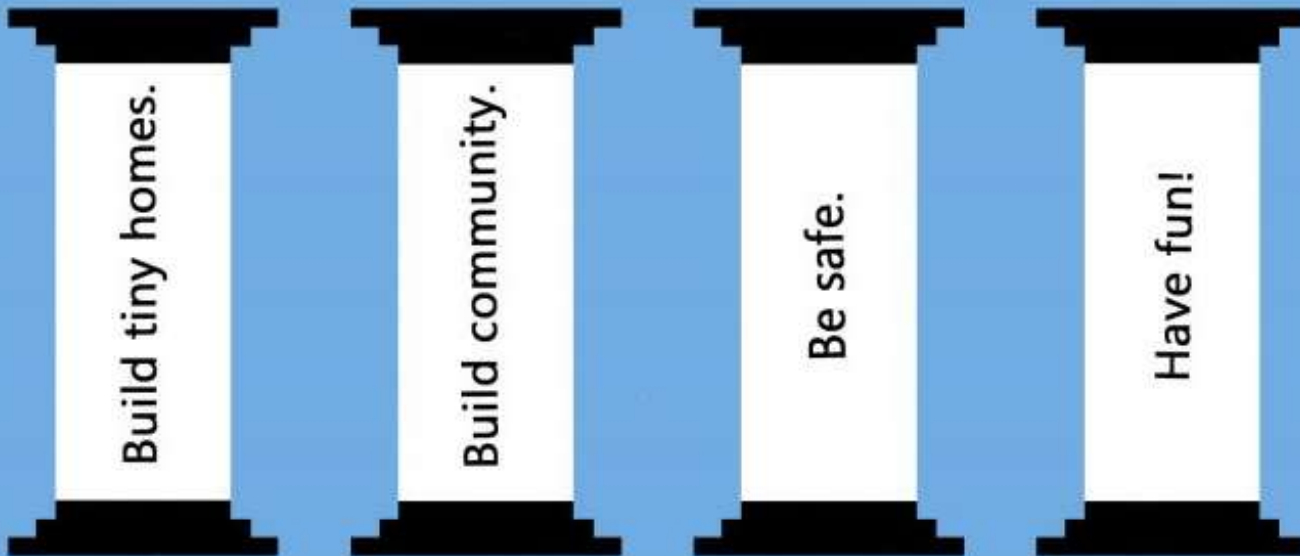
Even with converting to our new assembly line system, one thing remains the same.

We will still build the same quality tiny homes that are built to last 20 years.

THE FOUR PILLARS

Sound Foundations NW's mission is based on the Four Pillars.





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The First Pillar is obviously to build tiny transitional homes.

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The Second Pillar is Building Community.

To us, building community is as important, if not more important, than building the tiny homes themselves.



THE FOUR PILLARS: Building Community

Now, with the move to our larger space, named The Hope Factory, we are forming great alliances with not only our volunteers and donor base, but with some amazing companies and other organizations.





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For example, local artists have painted murals to fill our space with color, talent, and love.

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Lowe's, our lumber and materials supplier, has donated both hand tools and materials like nails, shingles, and paint to help us build tiny homes.





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Our friends at Operation Tiny Home (<https://www.operationtinyhome.org>), with their association with Milwaukee Tools, have donated an abundance of cordless power tools. The cordless tools eliminate the need for pneumatic tools and the deafening noise pneumatic tools make in our space.



THE FOUR PILLARS: Building Community

Our friends at Ironworkers Union Local 86 have designed the carts to wheel our tiny homes around the assembly line.





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These carts work so well
that two people can move
a 4800 lb. home!

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The Third Pillar: Be Safe

We work with many different types of power tools. Safety is of paramount importance. We teach everyone each tool as if they have never used it before. Because we work almost exclusively in teams, each crew member is watching out for the other and keeping them safe.

No building experience is necessary in The Hope Factory. We train willing hearts.





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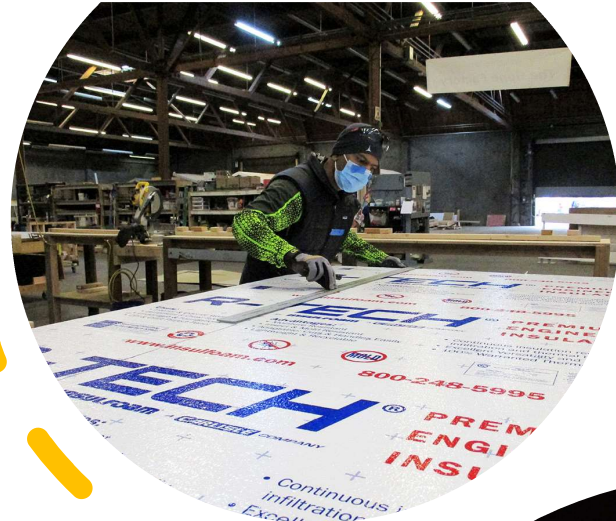
The Fourth Pillar: Have Fun!

Yes, we work for a good cause.
And it can be exhausting work.
But somewhere in the mix,
friendships are formed. At the
end of the day you will be tired
and exhilarated at the same time!

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

As a Crew Member (Volunteer)

We build homes six days per week (every day but Friday.) You can volunteer as an individual or bring a group of your friends or co-workers. We practice all Covid protocols and social distance whenever possible.



YOUR INVOLVEMENT

As a Team Leader (Volunteer)

We believe in the “each one teach one” system. When you feel comfortable and have the skills and abilities to teach others, you then have the option of becoming a Team Leader to teach others our system of building tiny homes.



YOUR INVOLVEMENT



As a Sponsor:

We have many individuals, organizations, and businesses that sponsor full or partial homes. The materials cost per home is \$3400, and 100% of your donation goes toward materials. As a sponsor, you get to name the home! (That's the part of us having fun!)



FINALLY, A STORY

Like we said, it's all about the people we serve. Here is a story about just one of those people, our friend Sonja.

This is a photo of Sonja and her dog Bryce with Eric Davis, the “mayor” of Camp Second Chance, on the day she got the keys to her tiny home.



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Three months after she got her tiny home, Sonja found out she had brain cancer.



FINALLY, A STORY

This is Sonja's best friend LeeLee who took care of her. LeeLee took Sonja to the bathroom, helped her take a shower, made sure she got fed and got her meds on time, and took her to the doctor.



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People on the streets live in fear.
People in tiny home villages take
care of each other and know
what community is all about.





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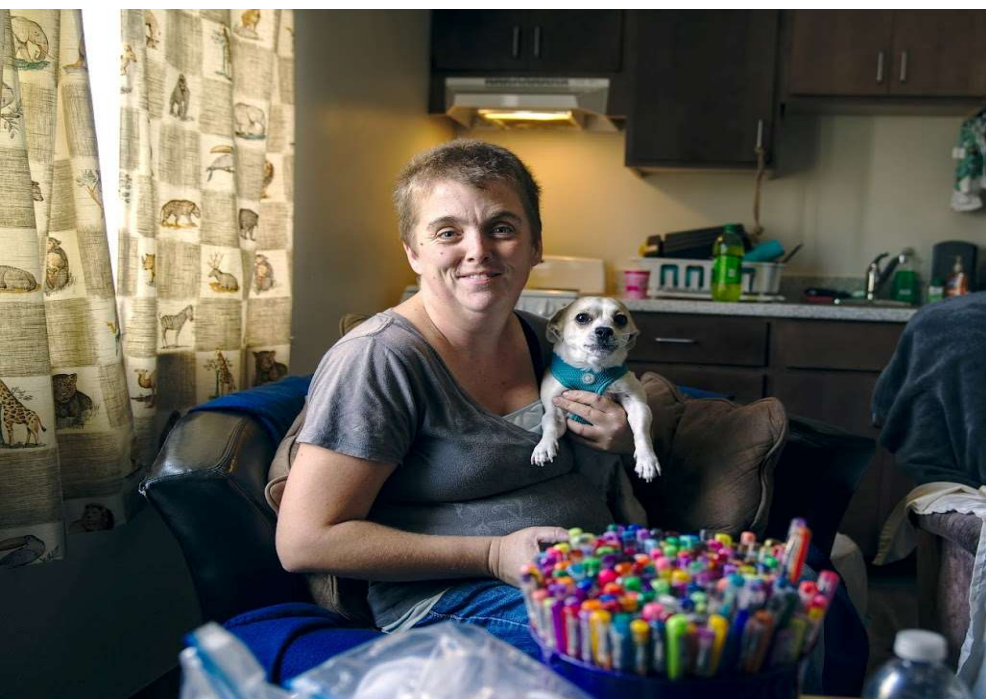
It is more than just about tiny homes. It's about people taking care of each other, the kind of community we all strive for.





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This is Sonja now after five surgeries, living in her permanent home.



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Sonja surely would have died on the streets. Now, not only is she living, she is thriving! How many more Sonja's die on the streets every day? How many more lives can we save with each tiny home and tiny home community?

We have gone from this:



(Exactly the same place, two years later.)

To this:





Your involvement will make a direct difference in so many lives. Will you please help us?



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