



The Way Station

A resting point on the journey



A safe and welcoming facility where individuals and families experiencing homelessness can find a constellation of services to assist their transition to sustainable housing and access to social and health services.



Goal

Way Station visitors leave healthier and closer to being able to find a home.

The Way Station Services



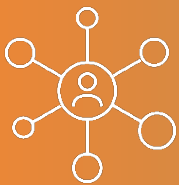
Recuperative respite care staffed 24-7



Health care services (Medical, Behavioral Health and Substance Use care) with lab testing, vaccines, and health monitoring.



Hygiene services: restrooms, shower and laundry facilities, and a hot room to eradicate body bugs found in belongings.



Case management services will be provided linking visitors and medical respite residents with social and health service resources, plus connections to stable housing.

Location: 1500 N State Street



Benefits

- Adequate square footage and zoning to support proposed services
- Proximity to other social and health services including the Opportunity Council and Unity Care NW
- Access to transportation services
- Option for complimentary programs on the second floor.



Partners + Supporters

- **Opportunity Council** – Respite operations and co-located support services
- **PeaceHealth** - Respite Care and funding partner
- **Unity Care NW** – Hygiene and clinical services
- **Whatcom County** - Building owner, and exploring possibility to co-locate appropriate services like GRACE, EMS, and LEAD
- **Washington State Representatives** Sharon Shewmake & Alicia Rule
- **U. S. Representative** Rick Larsen
- Community foundations and individual donors



Next Steps

- ✓ Amending Memorandum of Agreement with the county
- ✓ Neighborhood outreach
- ✓ Secure all necessary capital funding
- ✓ Permitting
- ✓ Beginning renovations
- ✓ Continued fundraising for ongoing operations

Anticipated open early 2023.