



# The Way Station

A resting point on the journey



PeaceHealth



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



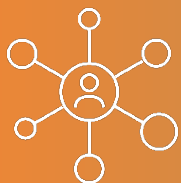
**Recuperative respite** care staffed 24-7



**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.*