

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KENTON WOMEN'S VILLAGE POD BUILD CHALLENGE!

**THERE IS A HOUSING
CRISIS IN PORTLAND.
TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP.**

WHAT IS IT?

An effort that seeks local contractors to donate time and materials to build one or more sleeping pods during February - March 2019 for use at the Kenton Women's Village. The Pod Build Challenge will culminate in a one-day volunteer build event where the contractor community will come together to add finishing touches to the pods, compete for prizes, and celebrate what can be accomplished together.

WHAT'S A SLEEPING POD?

A micro-home which includes enough space for one individual to sleep and store a few belongings. Each pod is approximately 8'x12'x10'-6" tall in size and is designed to provide both power and radiant heat.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The Kenton Women's Village is a creative, collaborative project that offers a new potential approach for addressing houselessness at a small scale, which could be adapted and implemented in communities across the country.

The clients of the Kenton Women's Village are formerly houseless women from the Kenton and North Portland neighborhoods. Through Catholic Charities, the women are receiving access to services including case management, employment assistance, access to legal and financial services, mental and physical health care, and a personalized plan to transition to permanent housing by the time they leave the village.

Since opening in 2017, 20 women that have stayed in the village have moved into permanent housing.

Recently relocated to a new site, the Kenton Women's Village is in need of 14 new sleeping pods in order to increase the number of individuals that it can serve. The Pod Build Challenge is an opportunity for members of the construction community to come together and make a direct and immediate impact in our community.

What makes the Kenton Women's Village different? Why should **YOU** invest your time and resources?

- It's backed by the community! The Kenton residents voted overwhelmingly to host the women's village and the project is sponsored by the Kenton Neighborhood Association.
- It's a public, private, nonprofit sector partnership.
- It's for women only, providing a safe space for women recovering from trauma.
- The women govern together with oversight and support provided by Catholic Charities.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each contractor partner will donate the time and materials to build one or more sleeping pods for the Kenton Women's Village. It is up to each partner to determine the number of pods that they would like to build and donate. Material costs are estimated to range between \$5,000-\$7,000 per pod.

STEP 1: Sign on to participate in this important community effort and assign a project lead to help oversee the build and be the primary point of contact for the event organizers.

STEP 2: Have team leads and team members attend a kick-off event on Friday, February 1st. At this event, there will be an introduction to the Women's Village, with presentations from Catholic Charities and women who have graduated from the program. There will then be a lottery determining which of three potential sleeping pod designs your team will construct and an announcement of the contractor-designed 'finishing touch' competitions that will be built and judged at the Pod Build Challenge event. This get-together will also provide an opportunity for Q&A and overall coordination between teams.

STEP 3: Based on the drawings received from the kick-off event, the project lead will oversee the procurement of materials and build the basic structure and enclosure of the sleeping pod(s) that they have been assigned. The team lead will then work with the event organizers to coordinate transportation of the pod to the Pod Build Challenge event site.

STEP 4: Pod Build Challenge event will take place at a large warehouse space in mid-March (exact event location and date TBD), where volunteer teams will complete the 'finishing touch' portions of the pods. Event will include media coverage, speakers from the City and the Mayor's office, food, and prizes for winners of each 'finishing touch' category.

STEP 5: Team Leads will help return Pod Build Challenge event site to its original state.

TIMELINE

Kickoff: Friday, February 1st 2019

Build: February - March 2019

Build-Out Event: March TBD

JOIN US!

Get in touch to sign up:

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Article: First year of the Kenton Women's Village

<https://www.portlandmercury.com/feature/2018/06/20/20727734/a-safe-place-to-sleep>

Video: Origins of the Women's Village, the Pod Initiative, and the Public Process behind the Kenton Women's Village

<https://vimeo.com/242203606>

Video: The Village movement in Portland and the Kenton Women's Village

<https://vimeo.com/241808889>

Video: Jewell Ramirez and Catholic Charities role in the Kenton Women's Village

<http://ahomeforeveryone.net/success-stories/2018/5/9/jewell-ramirez-from-streets-to-village-to-a-home-everything-is-possible-for-jewell-now>

The shelter and housing provided at the Village are funded through the Joint Office of Homeless Services as part of a years-long initiative, called A Home For Everyone, to not just expand shelter in our community, but also help more and more people keep or return to housing. Learn more at ahomeforeveryone.net