Tiny House Villages

a Crisis Solution to Homelessness

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How LIHI Addresses Homelessness

Housing

Transitional, permanent, and permanent supportive

Urban Rest Stops

Tiny House Villages

Supportive Services

National and Local Advocacy

Volunteer **Programs**

Community Development





Low Income Housing Institute

65 properties in 6 counties in the Pacific Northwest

- Homeless
- Low-income
- Workforce
- Disabled

- Senior
- Young adult
- Veteran
- Refugee

The Tony Lee

70 workforce units 80 child preschool with Refugee Women's Alliance

The Marion West

49 units for Homeless Young Adults and workforce, U District Food Bank, Street Bean Cafe.







LIHI Urban Rest Stops









Tiny House Villages in Seattle



Why Tiny Houses are Needed

Severe lack of shelters
Severe lack of affordable housing
Survival: WITHOUT SHELTER PEOPLE DIE!

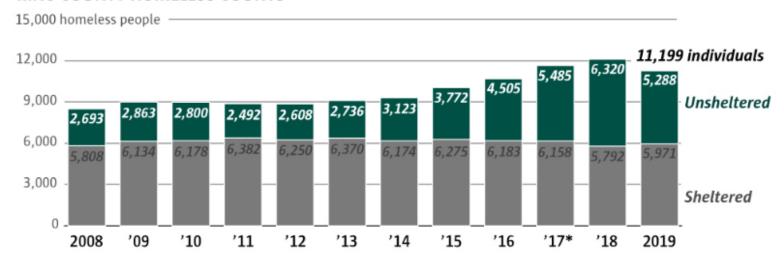
191 Homeless Deaths in 2018



King County homeless counts

King County's 2019 homeless point-in-time count decreased for the first time since 2012, and the number of unsheltered homeless people dropped by 17%. The count is a snapshot, counting homelessness on a given night.

KING COUNTY HOMELESS COUNTS



*King County's methodology changed in 2017 to be more thorough. Source: All Home King County

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The count showed fewer families (7% decrease), veterans (10% decrease), and youth and young adults (28% decrease) experiencing homelessness compared to last year.

Why Tiny Houses are Needed

LIHI tiny houses serve populations that have trouble accessing traditional shelters:

- Whole families
- Large families
- LGBTQ Individuals
- Straight and Gay couples
- Gay couples with children
- Families with teenage sons
- •Immigrant/refugee households
- Undocumented households
- Single men with children
- People with pets
- People with warrants



Tiny House Village Legislation and Funding

Federal:

RLUIPA - Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act

The land use-related provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) prohibit state and local governments from regulating land use in a manner that: discriminates against or among religious institutions, 42 U.S.C. ' 2000cc(b); or imposes a substantial burden on religious exercise, unless the regulation is the least restrictive means of serving a compelling government interest.

Washington State:

ESHB 1956 - Authorizing religious organizations to host temporary encampments for homeless persons on property owned or controlled by a religious organization.

City of Seattle:

- Existing ordinance allowing churches to host encampments
- New ordinance passed on March 30, 2015 allowing 3 encampments of up to 100 residents each on public or private land (without church host).
- City Council Member Kshama Sawant sponsored budget action to fund existing and new tent encampments in the 2015-16 budget.
- Mayor Murray declares state of emergency due to homelessness on Nov 2 and City Council allocates \$7.3 million in 2016 budget to address problem.
- Six City-funded Tiny House Villages in 2017
- 2018: Mayor Durkan announces three new tiny house villages as part of her 500 bed Bridge Housing Plan

How Tiny House Villages Work:

- Some managed by LIHI staff; some democratic & self-managed
 - Weekly meetings real democracy
- Strict Code of Conduct (Sobriety, Non-violence)
 - NO Sex Offenders
 - Security workers at all times/Litter patrols daily
 - o non-violence
 - o no weapons
- Plumbed toilets and showers
- Bus tickets provided
- LIHI Case Management

Advantages of Villages

- Community
- Cooperation
- Safety/Security
- Empowerment
- Point of engagement
- Cost-effective
- Couples/Families stay together (Pets are allowed)
- Partnerships with grass roots groups





Specific Services Provided

- Housing resources
- Employment Search
- Education
- Basic food
- Help with benefits, daycare,
- Partnerships with
 - Navigation team
 - ➤ Operation Sack Lunch
- Transportation: local and long distance
- Reunification with families and relatives



2016-2018 Outcomes

LIHI case managers have successfully moved nearly 500 people from tiny houses into permanent housing, with others moved into transitional housing and reunited with family and friends.

Over the course of a year, about 1,000 individuals are served by LIHI's tiny house villages, with thousands of others in permanent low-income housing at other LIHI buildings.

Tiny house villages are more effective than other shelters, exiting a high percentage of users to permanent housing:

2018 Data

Tiny House Villages exits to permanent housing: **34%**

Basic Emergency Shelters exits to permanent housing: 4%

Enhanced Emergency Shelters exits to permanent housing: 21%

Tiny House Construction

We have worked with numerous schools, colleges and training programs, which have used the project as an education opportunity and provided volunteer the labor to build inexpensive, but quality, durable Tiny Houses, complete with electricity, insulation and heat.



Tulalip Tribes TERO program builds tiny houses with beautiful doors.



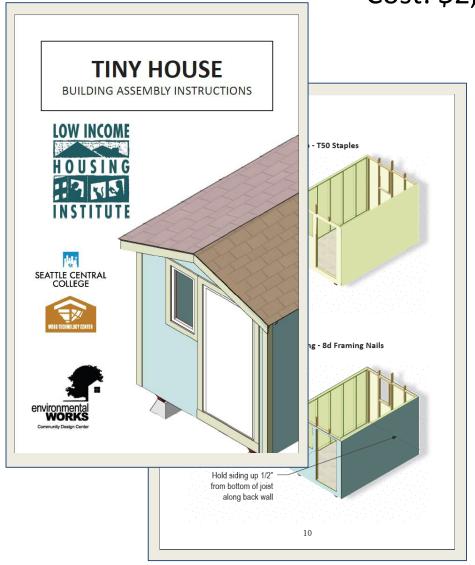


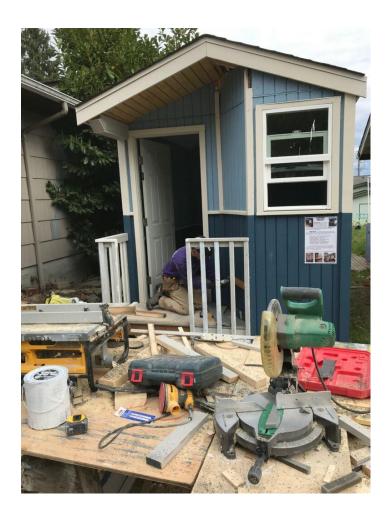




Tiny House Assembly Instructional Packet

Cost: \$2,700





Construction Partners

Pre - Apprenticeship programs
Faith - Based Community Groups
Schools



Construction Companies

Individuals





















Pre - Apprenticeship Programs



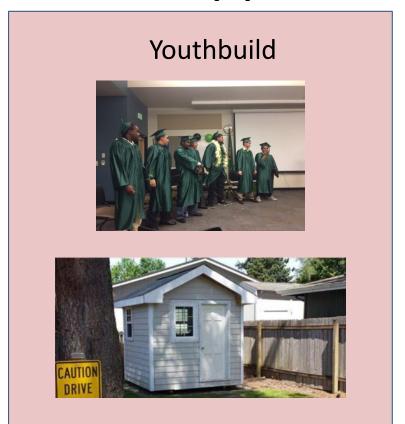


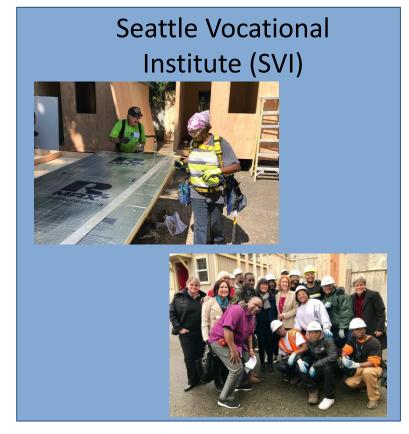




*Picture Tulalip Tribes TERO program builds tiny houses with beautiful doors

Pre - Apprenticeship Partners







Apprenticeship in Nontraditional Employment for Women (ANEW)



Faith - Based Communities

Newport Covenant Church

Mercer Island Presbyterian Church







Magnolia Lutheran Church

Construction Partners

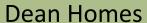


Walsh Construction





GreenFab





Renton Technical College



Peninsula High School



University Child Development School



Arlington High School



Sawhorse Revolution













Hundreds of volunteers build and paint our tiny houses and help prepare sites for occupancy



Microsoft volunteers – United Way Day of Caring



International District Rotarians painting houses at Othello Village

10 Villages

LIHI, in partnership with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Camp Second Chance, and the Cities of Seattle and Olympia, currently operates ten villages

Northlake Village – City of Seattle

Tiny House Village (Central Area) – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Othello Village - City of Seattle

Georgetown Village - City of Seattle

Camp Second Chance (West Seattle) - Camp Second Chance, City of Seattle

Interbay Village – City of Seattle

Whittier Heights Village – City of Seattle

True Hope Village – New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Truvine Missionary Baptist Church, City of Seattle

Lake Union Village – City of Seattle

Plum Street Village – City of Olympia

Ballard Encampment

November, 2015; relocated March 2018



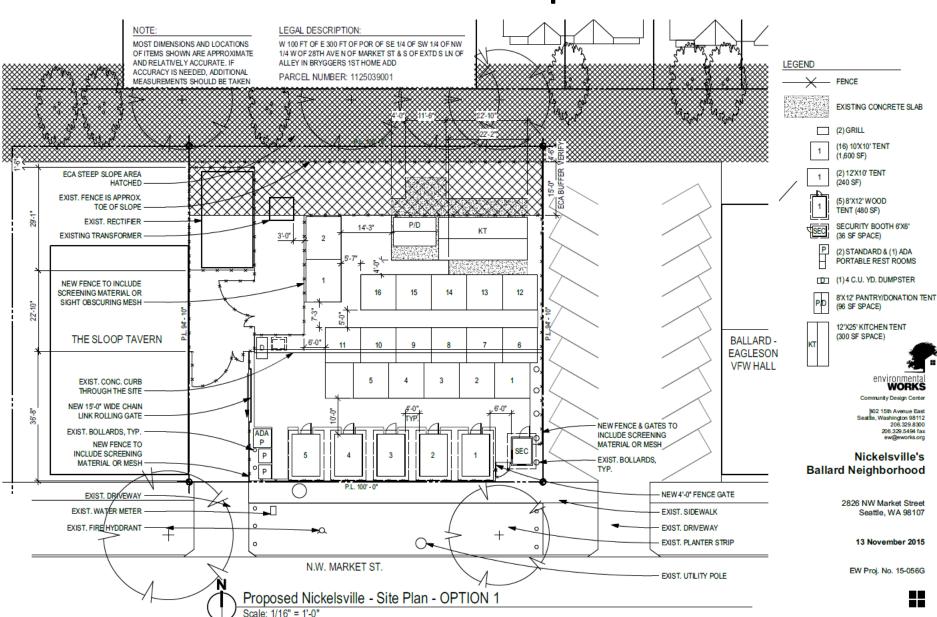


"Barn raising" day





Ballard Encampment



Tiny House Village with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

January, 2016 - 14 Tiny Houses





Electrical
Cable Trench





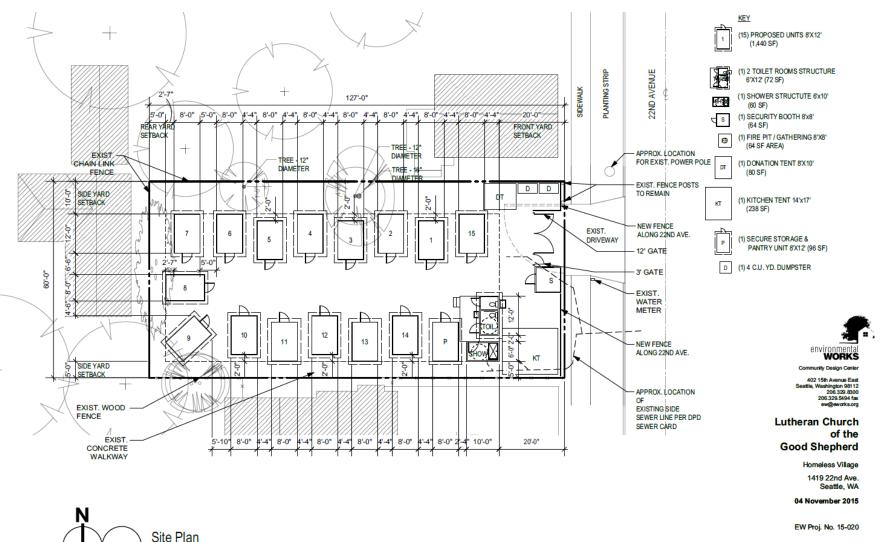
View from street

Model Agreement w/Church Sponsors

- Grant of License
- Use & Use Restrictions
- Term
- Maximum Users
- Move-In Notice/ Waiver of Relocation Benefits/Agreement not to Sue
- Sex Offender Checks
- Landscape Buffers & Right of Way
- Parking
- Signs
- Services for Occupants
- Community Outreach
- Inspections

- Rules & Regulations/ Code of Conduct
- Security
- Condition of Property
- Insurance Requirements
- Utilities
- Termination of License
- Meals
- Indemnification & Hold Harmless
- Notices
- Nondiscrimination
- No Religious Participation Requirement

Good Shepherd Tiny House Village



Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"

Toilet and Shower Houses

(Plumbed)







Othello Village March 2016, 38 Tiny Houses & 9 Tents





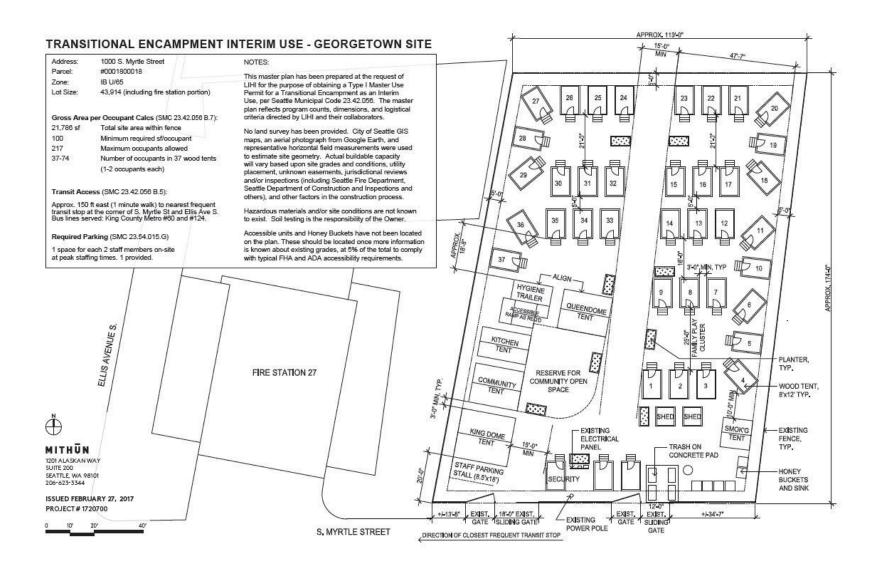


NeighborWorks Community Celebration at Othello Village

Georgetown Village March 2017, 46 Tiny Houses



Georgetown Village





Starbucks executive chairman Howard Schultz and employees serving meal at Georgetown Village on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CTE Showplace of Skills

Tiny House Competition on Capitol Grounds, March 2017
After Competition houses were moved to Licton Springs Village



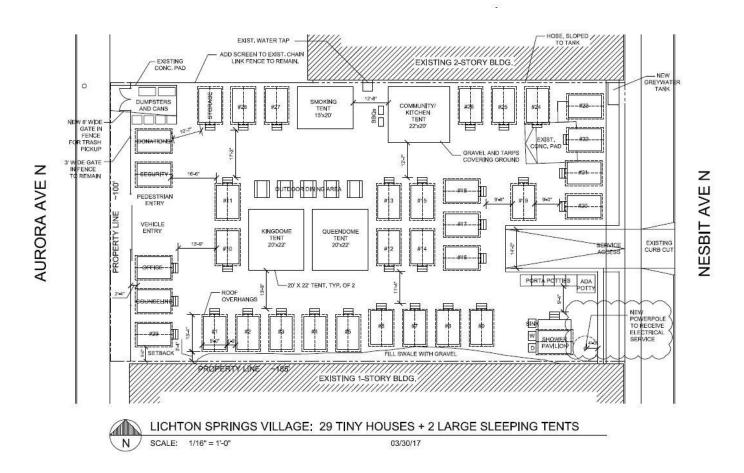
Licton Springs Village Low Barrier April 2017 – March 2018, 27 Tiny Houses & Overflow Tents





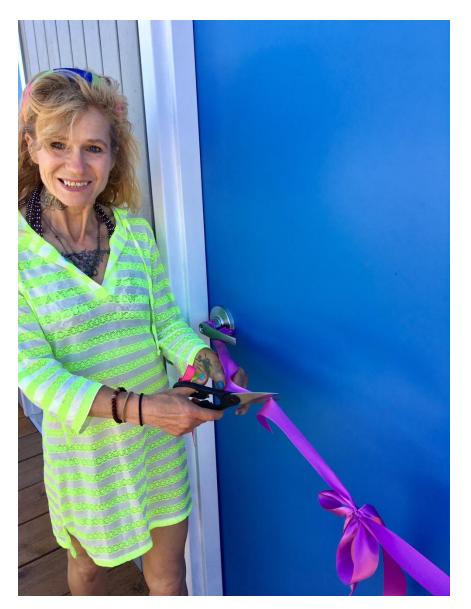


Licton Springs Village



April 2nd, 2019 at closure of village, of the 100 men and women served, 49% went to permanent housing; 37% went to transitional housing or shelters; 14% are unaccounted for.

Licton Springs Village







Shower Building



Camp Second Chance

April 2017, 35 Houses and 6 tents









Interbay Village (Port of Seattle property) November 2017, 46 Tiny Houses

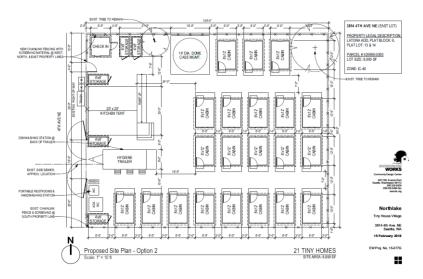


Northlake Village

March 2018, 21 Houses











Whittier Heights Women's Village June 2018, 16 Houses

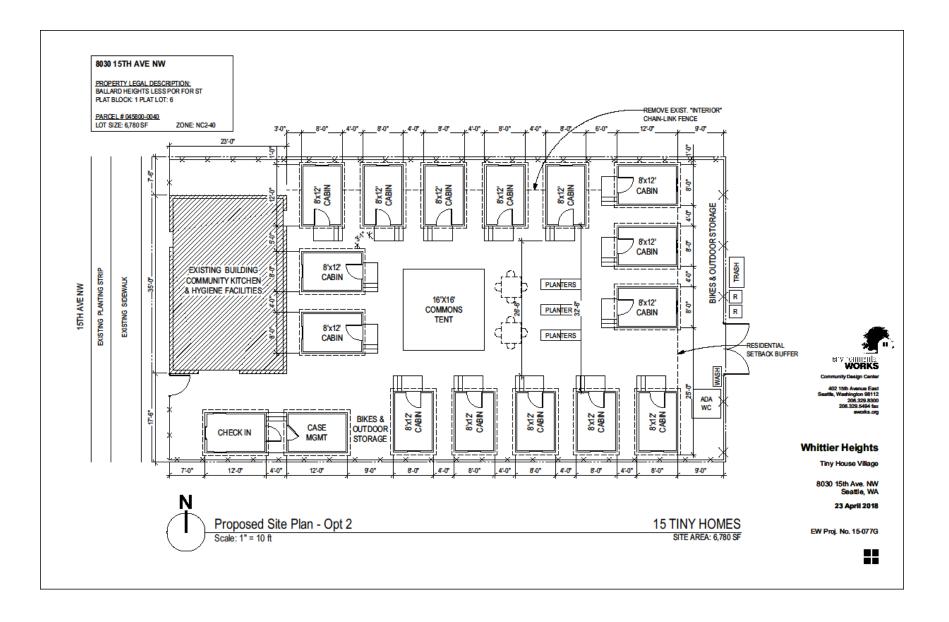


Village features five Buddy Shelters (pictured)

and 11 stick built houses, built primarily by women



Whittier Heights Plan



Century Link! 30 Tiny Houses in a Day

Vulcan & Associated General Contractors of Washington







Houses were moved from Century Link to new True Hope Village

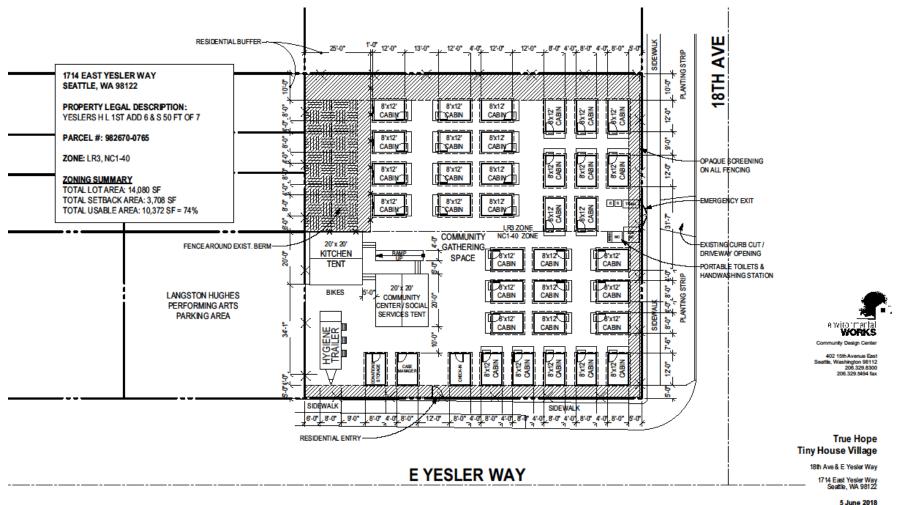




True Hope Village September 2018, 35 Houses



True Hope Yesler Village (July)



Proposed Site Plan

35 TINY HOMES

Proj. No. 15077G

LOT AREA: 14,080 SF









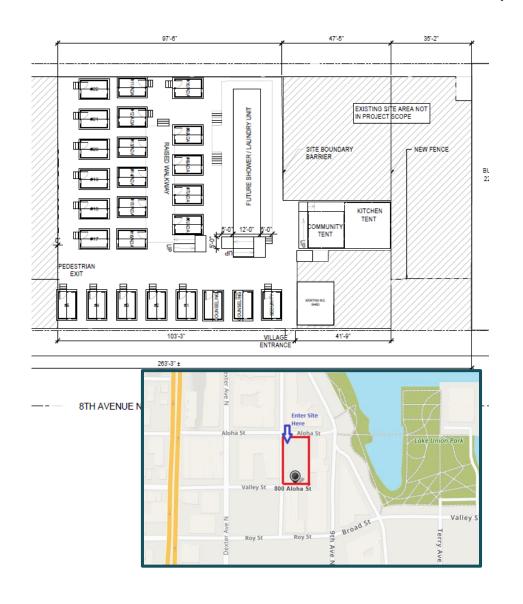




Community Space and Kitchen

Lake Union Village (LUV)

October 2018, 22 Houses







Building the LUV







Plum Street Village, Olympia

February 2019, 22 Houses







Volunteer builders for Plum St. Village

- •Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- •Olympia Host Lions Club
- •Thurston County YouthBuild
- •JBLM
- •Blaine Memorial Church
- •and others







What's Next?

We have 350 residents, but there are more than 12,000 people on the streets,





so we need more affordable permanent places for people to go,





and more tiny house villages to serve as a stepping stone to stability.



An "All Hands On Deck" Approach

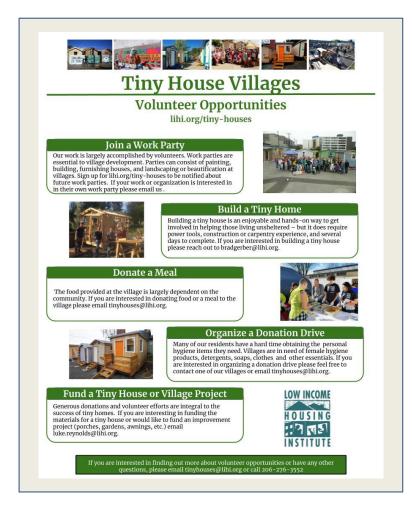
Join a Work Party

Build a Tiny House

Donate a Meal

Organize a Donation Drive

Fund a Tiny House or Village Project





Questions?