



# Hope

NEWSLETTER

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## *New Life Homes*

# Families Put in the Hard Work for Home Ownership

Jessica and Felipe have dreamed of owning their own home for over a decade. Now that dream has become a reality thanks to Catholic Charities Housing Services (CCHS) New Life Homes' sweat equity program.

New houses have been going up rapidly at a housing development in Sunnyside where Jessica and Felipe live with their three children. When completed, there will be 38 homes in the development; all built by the families and area contractors. The projects are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

"We couldn't be happier knowing we have reached every family's

dream of having our own home, as well as building special memories throughout the year to come," Jessica said.

She said she's wanted a home of their own since the birth of their first child, 12 years ago.

"Never in a million years did we think we'd be building our home from the ground up," she said.

The homes being built in the subdivision range in cost, depending on size, from \$165,000 to \$185,000. Each family, once approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, must put in 30 hours per week on the construction of the house.

Jessica said her family's sweat equity "makes us happy and proud, knowing even though we have to take time away from our children, we can one day say we put sacrifice and sweat into this all for the happiness of our family."



## Funding Received to Help Homeless Families, Disabled, and Low-Income Residents Gain Housing in Wenatchee

Funding has been finalized on a 67-unit affordable housing complex for homeless families with children, people with disabilities, and low-income residents in Wenatchee. Catholic Charities Housing Services received a little under \$13 million through the Washington State Housing Finance Commission's Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

"Catholic Charities Housing Services is most appreciative of the opportunity to provide permanent, safe, affordable housing in Wenatchee,"

said Holly Anderson, CCHS development and asset management director. "Whenever we can strengthen the lives of those in need, we strengthen our entire community. We have many partners who realize the importance of this mission, and it took a collaborative effort with a network of partnerships to fund this development. Now, we get to build it."



ZBA Architecture artist's rendering.

The project is now a reality because of the collaboration of a network of partners. THANKS goes to: City of Wenatchee, Chelan County Commissioners, Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Women's Resource Center, Housing Authority of Chelan County, Beacon Development Group, Wenatchee Affordable Housing Task Force, Homeless Steering Committee, Senator Parlette and North Central Accountable Communities of Health, Confluence Health, Chelan Douglas Health District, Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington Board of Trustees, Molina Health Care, Coordinated Care, Amerigroup, Representative Michael Steele, Representative Cary Condotta,

## Prosser Housing Developments to be Dedicated August 9



Fourth District Representative Dan Newhouse (center) and CCHS staff visit at St. Anthony Terrace, a new 55+ independent living community in Prosser, which will be **dedicated on August 9 at 11:00 a.m. - 480 N. River Road in Prosser.**

Representative Newhouse toured CCHS sites on February 12, citing the importance of affordable housing – especially in rural areas like Central Washington. In Prosser, he visited Rio de Vida, multiple family housing for farmworkers and their families, and St. Anthony Terrace. In Sunnyside, the group toured New Life Homes, and met some of the hard-working first-time home buyers creating sweat-equity as they participate in the building of their homes.

## About Us:

Catholic Charities Housing Services (CCHS) celebrates 20 years of service to Central Washington this year. Over the past two decades, CCHS has developed more than 800 units of affordable rental housing providing individuals and families a safe, healthy and affordable home with access to opportunities through the resident services program. In addition, more than 180 families have achieved their dream of

homeownership through sweat equity models. CCHS continues to provide hope to families by helping them move out of poverty and continue on their life's journey. In the course of doing so, they have generated more than \$200 million in economic activity in rural central Washington.

### New Life Homes

This "self-help" program offers interested first-time buyers the chance to achieve their dream of homeownership. The program



helps very low- to moderate-income families learn skills become successful homeowners. These services include establishing/

## 2nd Multi-Family Housing Development Slated for Royal City

Catholic Charities Housing Services (CCHS) is developing a second phase of multi-family housing for farm workers in Royal City, which will include an early learning center.

The early learning center will be possible through several community partnerships. Additional phases of development will include a future single-family home development and potentially a community health center.

CCHS anticipates breaking ground this fall. The development is funded with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, State Housing Trust Fund dollars and county funds.

There are more than 200 people on the waiting list at Reino del Cielo, the current farmworker housing development in Royal City. The new property will be made up of mostly three-bedroom units, and will include some four-bedroom units. The lease-up should begin in spring, with move-ins starting in late summer of 2019.



## Senior Housing Aces HUD Inspection

Rose of Mary Terrace, the CCHS 40-unit senior housing development in Yakima received a rare 100% on its REAC (Real Estate Inspection Center) Inspection. The management team was presented an award from Housing and Urban Development at the Affordable Housing Management Association conference in Denver.



*Pictured from left to right are: Mary Ellen McFarlane (Account Executive Branch Chief, HUD MF West Region); Magali Barajas (Regional Manager, Coast Real Estate Services); Sylvia Reihs (Community Manager, Rose of Mary Terrace, Coast Real Estate Services); Holly Anderson (Development & Asset Management Director, Catholic Charities Housing Services); Terre Jones (Account Executive Branch Chief, HUD MF West Region).*

Rose of Mary Terrace offers affordable, quality rental housing for low-income seniors. It is

supported by service programs to help create an enriched, community-centered environment.

repairing credit, budgeting, mortgage education, and home maintenance. Qualified families invest “sweat equity” during the construction process which allows them to purchase a home with no down payment.

## Multi-family Housing

CCHS develops and owns affordable, quality multi-family rental housing for very low- and low-income individuals and families throughout Central Washington. This affordable

housing supports the region’s valuable agricultural industry by serving farmworkers.

CCHS also provides housing for senior/elderly, homeless, disabled, and special needs populations.



## Housing Counseling and Resident Services

These services are designed to address the challenges faced by those living in poverty. The Resident Services program has five main areas of focus: Health/ Nutrition, Education, Crime Prevention, Community Engagement, and Economic Opportunities.



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## Upcoming Catholic Charities Fundraising Events:

**October 6, 2018** 31st Annual Gala Dinner | Anthology | **Richland**

Visit our website and click on the events section to learn more about this fun, Oktoberfest-themed event:

[www.catholiccharitiescw.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescw.org)

## Vision

We envision communities where people are treated with dignity and respect, their basic needs are met, and they are empowered to enhance the quality of their own lives.

## Values

We affirm our faith in God who calls us to serve.

We celebrate the uniqueness and dignity of people.

We nurture children and strengthen families.

We provide quality services to those in need.

We serve people of all faiths.