Our Mission

Homestead Community Land Trust preserves and advances access to permanently affordable homeownership as a means to create thriving, equitable and inclusive communities.

Growing Our Impact

Within the last year, Homestead Community Land Trust passed an important milestone: We placed our 200th home in trust. Cue: noisemakers, champagne cork popping, and cheering!

As we approach another important milestone - our 25th Anniversary year in 2017 - we are celebrating that Homestead has created homeownership opportunities for 237 modest-income families, given affordability a permanent address at 210 homes, and counseled thousands of people interested in owning their own home. In creating these opportunities, we have removed over 13 acres of land from the speculative market and created a permanent community asset. Our homes represent the largest portfolio of permanently affordable homes in Washington State. These 210 homes will give up to 1,400 families access to the American Dream of homeownership over the next 50 years.

Together, Homestead’s homeowners, staff, Board, volunteers, funders and partners, have established and expanded a systems-changing solution to the problems of affordability and displacement. We have provided critical leadership as our community has navigated out of the shoals of the recession and into the headwinds of runaway real estate costs.

From its inception, Homestead’s success has been based on its ability to engage a broad network of community support and partnerships. As a member of that network, you are the community in this community land trust. You are part of a proud heritage with roots in the Civil Rights movement. Since 1969, that movement has grown to more than 200 organizations working together for social justice and equity across the country. This movement is at a tipping point both nationally and in our own community.

Homestead was born from a group of citizen activists responding to the crisis of displacement in our community. We are grateful to you -- our growing network -- who are joining with us to increase Homestead’s impact in response to the continuing challenges of displacement, affordability and access. We are excited to share this time of growth with you. With your help we have accomplished so much; together we will do more.

Kathleen Hosfeld Tim Morley
Executive Director President, Board of Delegates
MEET ALYSSA

Eight years ago, Alyssa was a single mother struggling with an unsympathetic landlord who refused to address the household mold that affected the health of her children. Alyssa had significant financial and credit issues. By working with Homestead staff over time, she was able to clean up her financial issues and in 2015 she moved into a single-family home rehabilitated by Homestead Community Land Trust’s Rebuilding Communities program in West Seattle. The home is close to bus lines, schools and grocery stores. Each of her three children has their own bedroom. “We are truly living our lives here.”

PUTTING HOMEOWNERSHIP WITHIN REACH

Homestead homes are affordable to those who make less than 80% of area median income.

Median Price
- Homestead Home $193,217
- King County Median Price $514,975
- Seattle Median Price $594,600


Estimated based on National Association of Home Builders statistics (2016)
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