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SPOKANE HOUSING: HOME YARD COTTAGES NEARING COMPLETION

Spokane, WA: The Home Yard Cottages, a new permanent supportive housing project by Transitions, will soon become inhabited! Move in begins this month, and the Grand Opening celebration is on September 12th from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

These 24, no-more-than-1,000 square-foot cottages will be furnished with some basics: beds, dressers and table and chairs. Transitions' hope is to supply most cottages with basic kitchen and bath needs such as towels, dishes and kitchen cookware.

According to Edie Rice-Sauer, Transitions' Executive Director, the name "Home Yard Cottages" was chosen because of history. When the Transitional Living Center (TLC) for moms and their children was first built in 1896, it was the Spokane Children's Home, an orphanage. Next to the orphanage, the two acres of grass on which the children played was called "the home yard." The Home Yard Cottages name is a nod to the land's significance to so many families and children over the last century.

For many of the new tenants, this will be the first time in their own home, complete with their own bathroom, porch and bedroom. The Grand Opening celebration will recognize the project's donors and community partners, while honoring the value of forever homes.

The Spokane Housing Authority has begun taking applications for the cottages; you can see the information on their website at www.spokanehousing.org.

Transitions: Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions is made up of six programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare, New Leaf Bakery Cafe, and Home Yard Cottages. For more information about how you can join our work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email info@help4women.org, or visit our website at www.help4women.org.

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