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New Affordable Housing for Women and Families Breaks Ground in Northwest Spokane

On August 8, 2017, Transitions and their partners will gather together at a groundbreaking ceremony for The Home Yard Cottages. The twenty-four, energy efficient cottages will house individuals and families living below the poverty line, and have on-site support services. The groundbreaking will be held at the project site, located at 2140 and 2176 W. Fairview Ave beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Other project details to note:

- Utilizes the City of Spokane's Cottage Housing Ordinance
- Infill project that capitalizes on land within the city for new housing
- 15 net-zero cottages
- Playgrounds, Community Building, and Service Animal Run on-site for participants
- Funding from local foundations: Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund, Dominican Outreach Foundation, and Avista Foundation

Transitions Executive Director of Mission and Services, Edie Rice-Sauer, shares about the project *"Transitions has been serving the Spokane community since 1995, with an emphasis on eliminating poverty and homelessness. We are excited to expand our services by constructing these permanent cottages, including supportive services. Affordable housing is very difficult to find here and across the country and vacancy rates are extremely low. Transitions is doing its part to close this gap."*

The community is invited to join us as we break ground for construction on this new and exciting service for the Spokane community. Project Developer: Community Frameworks; Project Architect: Heylman Martin Architecture; General Contractor: Walker Construction.

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 five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Café. 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 mtracey@help4women.org, or visit our website at www.help4women.org.

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