

Thank you Home Builders Foundation for your work

Recently, the Home Builders Foundation teamed up with Boys and Girls Aid and the city of Beaverton to help homeless youth by rehabilitating a neglected apartment building in Beaverton. Many Beaverton residents are surprised to learn that there are 1,809 homeless students in grades K-12 in Beaverton — the largest homeless student population in the state of Oregon.

I'd like to thank the Home Builders Foun-

dation for its dedication to the issue of homelessness and for enhancing shelters and other housing programs that serve homeless residents throughout the greater Portland metro area.

Since 1997, Home Builders Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland, has renovated seven homes for struggling families and individuals.

Even during these tough economic times, the Home Builders Foundation has continued to find resources to continue its mission of "rebuilding homes to rebuild lives." To date, it has completed \$2.3 million in new construction and remodeling projects, providing 123 beds and 21,900 square feet of shelter space.

I'd also like to thank Scott and Valerie Mercer, Catalyst Partnerships, Community Action Organization, General Tree Service, Garlic Jim's, EcoBinary and the Beaverton SEIU Local 503 OPEU. They truly showed how the strength of a community working together can make a difference. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention that this project would not have been possible without federal funding from HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Again, I'd like to thank the Home Builders Foundation and all of our private and public partners for their efforts to help our most vulnerable residents. Their resilience and ambition are truly making a difference.

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