

Welcoming, Empowering,  
Safe Habitation Initiative with  
Neighborhood Engagement



# WeShine

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**WeShine** is a non-profit organization that works with neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities to offer temporary shelter to unsheltered persons in transitional micro-villages on public or privately-owned land in residential neighborhoods.

Each **WeShine** micro-village will include six to ten sleeping pods or tiny houses in a welcoming and safe managed camp with:



- Fencing for privacy and security
- Community structure for cooking, community meals and meetings
- Solar-powered lighting and electrical outlets
- Toilet facilities
- Garbage and recycling service
- Regular access to showers and laundry
- A Village Life Coordinator with lived experience of homelessness

**WeShine** Navigators and Peer Support staff, as well as other service providers, will work on-site with guests to support their recovery and help them access mental health, addiction, housing transition, and other social and health services.

Neighborhood and faith-based volunteers will provide additional support, such as community meals, social and recreational activities, and encourage mutual engagement between villagers, neighbors, and congregants.

**WeShine** is seeking property owners who are interested in turning a portion of their commercially, multi-family residential or employment zoned land or parking lot into a site for one or more **WeShine** micro-villages.

Together, we can reduce the number of people living on the street in dirty, dangerous situations while giving campers hope, dignity, and safety as they wait for permanent affordable housing.

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