

Welcoming, Empowering,
Safe Habitation Initiative with
Neighborhood Engagement



WeShine

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

Our vision is to create a coordinated network of transitional micro-villages throughout Portland neighborhoods and the metro area. Each **WeShine** micro-village will include ten to fifteen huts in a welcoming and safe managed camp with:



- Single and double occupancy huts with lockable front door, a small covered front porch, and a window
- Lighting, heat, and the ability to charge devices in each hut
- Gated fence for privacy and security
- Community structure for cooking, community activities, and meetings
- Toilet, handwashing, and shower facilities
- Garbage and recycling station
- A Village Life Coordinator who resides on site and has lived experience of homelessness

WeShine Navigators and Peer Support staff, as well as other service partners, will work on-site with guests to support their transition to permanent housing and help them access mental health, addiction 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 faith-community-owned, or commercially, multi-family residential, or employment zoned parking lot or undeveloped land into a site for one or more **WeShine** micro-villages. **WeShine** is also seeking private funding to support the capital and operating expenses for our first three micro-villages. You can help us demonstrate that the **WeShine** vision is part of the multi-faceted solution our region needs to combat our current housing crisis.

Together, we can reduce the number of people living on the street in dirty, dangerous situations while giving them hope, dignity, and safety as they prepare to move into permanent affordable housing.

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