

# MISSION MONTHLY

Newsletter of the Tacoma Rescue Mission

## Good Neighbor Village

A new community for our chronically unhoused neighbors

## Tammy & Barbara

Two sisters share about their journey together



**At the heart of our community, something remarkable is happening.**

Read about the Good Neighbor Village inside this newsletter.

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# Good Neighbor VILLAGE

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**Duke Paulson serves as our Executive Director.** Learn more about our leadership at [trm.org/leadership](http://trm.org/leadership).

against a tree because we don't know what to do.

We also both have CMT. It's a genetic disorder. It affects nerves and balance. I was diagnosed with that then got diagnosed with bone cancer two years later. Neither one are curable, but they're doable is the way the doctors put it."

**BARBARA:**

"All we can do is back up and punt and see what happens. She's my rock. I would be lost without her. I'm six years older. I'm 71, she's 65. But I keep telling her I'm not going anywhere and you're not going anywhere. So just hang in there and we'll keep going the best we can.

We just want to get our own place. We'd even accept a studio, just anything to get us into somewhere so that we can start living our lives."

*We continue to support Tammy and Barbara as they face health challenges and the frustrating lack of affordable housing.*

*Stories like theirs speak to a need for new supportive housing solutions like the Good Neighbor Village, which you can learn more about inside...*

# Tammy & Barbara

*Sisters, Tammy and Barbara, have always been there for each other.*

*When their own kids grew up and moved away, Tammy and Barbara moved in together to take care of each other and share living costs.*

*But, they found themselves facing homelessness when their landlord, who was also Tammy's son, increased their rent by several hundred dollars in attempts to push them out.*

*They moved into their car and, since then, it's been two years of instability. We met the sisters when they came to our women's shelter and got to sit down with them to hear some of their experience.*

**BARBARA:**

"It's been okay, but this is not where we want to stay. We should be able to have a place of our own."

**TAMMY:**

"We can't afford to turn around and pay a thousand dollars for rent plus light, gas, the car, and still be able to live. It's crazy.

I don't think they were prepared for this many baby boomers. It leaves us like hitting our head

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### Supportive & Healing Community

Residents will have access to on-site supportive services like health care, counseling, addiction treatment, and more. There will be gathering spaces and amenities for residents and the public alike, helping restore the community and camaraderie that is often lost when you're on the streets for years.

# COMING SOON

The Good Neighbor Village will offer 260 beautiful, single-unit forever homes to our neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness. Restoring stability, dignity, and purpose within a safe, supportive, and healing community. Below are just some of the amazing things this community will offer.



### Beautiful Homes & Peaceful Living

All residents will have beautiful homes they can personalize to their style, interests, and needs. The surrounding wetlands will be preserved to provide a peaceful, healing environment.

### Restored Dignity & Purpose

We believe there is dignity in restored purpose and responsibility. Residents will be expected to pay rent, uphold community rules, and seek employment opportunities, which will be offered onsite.



*Pictures are from Austin's Community First! Village, which the Good Neighbor Village is modeled after.*