



# Replenish the Legacy of Giving



**Affordable housing for full-time volunteers along with education in service and philanthropy...**

**...demonstrating the Northwest's commitment to generations of effective service & philanthropy**

**Honors the Commitment of Full-Time Volunteers:** Service House will include decent, affordable housing -- mini-studios with bathrooms – for about 150 of Seattle's AmeriCorps members, who pursue a demanding year or more of full-time community service, leadership development, and civic engagement. Residents will share kitchens, laundry facilities, and living amenities, cutting costs and building an inspiring community. According to our survey of AmeriCorps members in WA, 81% are college grads and 83% said they are likely to attend educational workshops during their free time.

**Connects Us Around Our Common Values :** Gathering volunteers, nonprofit staff, and philanthropists, Service House will include for 6-10 nonprofit offices, meeting space, an auditorium, and a café as well as a curriculum that showcases successful models of service and philanthropy.

## **No more "one and done"!**

Seattle nonprofits value their vibrant volunteer workforce, including more than 440 AmeriCorps members. And yet, typical housing (\$500-700 per month) consumes most of the volunteers' \$750-1,100 stipends and scatters them into isolated, low-rent circumstances, often with significant distractions (nearby domestic unrest, substance abuse, crime, etc.).

These stresses dilute volunteers' ability to perform in their jobs and sends the message that their commitment is not valued. Poor housing erodes our careful investments in vital nonprofit programs.



Let's keep trained volunteers for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year...and a lifetime!

**Service House will care for those who serve. A positive first experience will attract and retain the best of each year's applicants leveraging precious nonprofit dollars.**

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# All Under One Roof



**Housing this exceptional population creates an opportunity to build an increasingly effective nonprofit workforce and growing donor community.**

## Opportunities to Teach and Learn

**Curriculum:** Seminars, classes, and certificates will provide enrichment and inspiration to encourage lifelong involvement in service and philanthropy.

**Conversations Across Disciplines:** As a multi-generational “family,” the philanthropic and nonprofit community can share its values and best practices with future leaders.

**Museum of Service™:** Donor-named meeting spaces and common areas will display the variety of service and philanthropic accomplishments in the Northwest.

## A Hub for the Philanthropic Family

**Residences:** Mini-studios organized into clusters around a shared kitchen/living rooms provide a balance of activity and refuge.

**Nonprofit Offices:** 6-10 nonprofits will share services and community in the building.

**Auditorium and meeting rooms:** These venues will be fertile ground for Seattle’s service culture to flourish, hosting Service House curriculum as well as lectures, events, and entertainment.

**Café/Pub:** A ground level café/pub will provide a cozy ‘third place’ where ideas are hatched & alliances are reinforced over affordable food.

**Transit-Oriented:** A central, urban location will increase opportunities to walk, bike, use transit, and rideshare for green (and affordable) transportation.

## Advisory Board

- Debbie Schuffenhauer, ED of Serve Washington, and Bill Basl, founder of WA Service Corps and Washington Commission for National and Community Service, are sharing their knowledge of the needs of full-time service volunteers and the organizations they serve.
- Nancy Long, 501 Commons, is providing pro bono Executive Service Corps partners.
- Nicole Trimble, Philanthropy NW Giving Practice and AmeriCorps member of 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort.
- Tom Byers, Cedar River Group, is helping build strategic alliances for Service House.
- Thatcher Bailey, Seattle Parks Foundation and Bailey Boushay House
- Matt Hutchins, CAST Architecture, is providing pro bono conceptual drawings.
- Earth Corps’ Steve Dubiel and Urban Sparks’ Jack Tomkinson co-conceived Service House.



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