

Welcome to the *On Solid Ground at Sand Point* Virtual Tour



Building a great place to live for people who need a home



The Issue of Homelessness

Over 8,000 people are homeless in Seattle.
Of the 5,000 who stay in emergency shelters, 65% are families.
Nationally, the average age of a homeless person is 9 years old.



Sand Point Housing is the first of its kind.



The ability to build and renovate affordable housing at Sand Point came out of a community-wide “Reuse Plan” approved by the Navy and presented as the City’s preferred plan for the Sand Point Naval Base at Magnuson Park. This legislation, written in 1997, was one of the first of its kind and has paved the way for more than 50 national housing projects that now reuse surplus military bases.



Sand Point Housing is aligned with our community's plan to end homelessness.

- Building new housing contributes to King County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Solid Ground's Sand Point Housing will house up to 500 of the 2,475 people living in homeless families in King County, most of whom are children.
- Housing alone does not end homelessness: supportive services are key to stabilizing and transforming lives.
- Solid Ground has provided those housing services for more than 20 years.



Current Solid Ground Housing Services

- 4,700 families receive services annually through Solid Ground's Housing Department.
- Services include: mortgage default prevention, landlord tenant counseling, financial skills education, and comprehensive and individualized case management.

Mortgage Counseling Story

In working with a Solid Ground mortgage counselor, one family recently learned to budget, found additional sources of income, had an advocate working on their behalf with the bank, and were able to save enough money to save their home just short of the foreclosure deadline.



Solid Ground's Current Role at Sand Point

- Owns the transitional housing at Sand Point.
- Manages 94 units of family, singles and youth housing.
- Partners with: Youth Care, Friends of Youth, Salvation Army, Community Psychiatric Clinic and others to provide a full spectrum of services for residents.



“At Sand Point, [my kids] were able to be children because of the playground right in front of the door... a lot of families there went through the same struggles that I had... we met monthly to talk about what we were going through, it was a real community.”

Starla Harris, former Sand Point resident



Current Housing at Sand Point



As of April 2008, Solid Ground owns and manages 94 units of renovated Family, Singles and Youth Housing at Sand Point.

The future of Sand Point Housing is grounded in our own expertise.

Solid Ground currently provides:

- “Service-Enriched Housing”: transitional housing combined with effective services.
- The Santos Place Community Room at Sand Point: already supports classes English as a Second Language.
- Evening childcare respite service so that clients can work on their job applications or just take a break.
- We currently have classroom space for both children and adults.



On Solid Ground at Sand Point: Family Housing at Sand Point

- Solid Ground will build 106 units of permanent housing, mostly for families.
- 72 Units will be designated for families and 34 units for singles to include veterans, seniors, and people living with disabilities.
- Everyone living at Sand Point will have a safe place to live in an encouraging community.



Drafts of proposed family housing buildings

On Solid Ground at Sand Point: Service Enriched Housing

The Community Center.
(see red building) will provide more space for additional services for clients and will be powered by solar panels.

Services Solid Ground will provide there include:
More classroom space, in-house kitchen for cooking classes, parenting classes and space for additional case managers.

