

NEWS RELEASE

The Rotary Club of Bellingham Donates \$100,000 to the Opportunity Council for Recovery House Project

BELLINGHAM, WA 6/24/2020 — The Rotary Club of Bellingham has provided a \$100,000 donation to the Opportunity Council for the creation of the Recovery House.

The Opportunity Council is in the process of rehabilitating two facilities in Bellingham to provide specialized housing to support committed participants in the Whatcom County Therapeutic Courts (such as Drug Court and Mental Health Court). The Recovery House will provide a six-month program of care and treatment with social, vocational, recreational activities and medication-assisted treatment to prevent relapses, provide recovery skills and accountability, and aid in job training and employment for up to 16 individuals at one time. This program supports community goal to prevent incarceration, reduce homelessness, and help individuals struggling with addiction.

The Rotary Club of Bellingham annually contributes up to \$100,000 towards a project that has significant benefit to the Bellingham/Whatcom County community. Past Major Projects in which Rotary Club of Bellingham was a substantial contributor include the creation of Bellingham's Boulevard Park, the Arne Hanna Aquatics Center, the Whatcom County Soccer Fields, Bellingham Food Bank, the Hospice House, the Bellingham Technical College Marine Studies Laboratory, the Pickford Film Center, a major addition to the Lighthouse Mission, remodeling of the Boys & Girls Club Kitchen, Bellingham YWCA and YMCA capital projects, the Brigid Collins Family Services House renovation, and the Lake Whatcom Rowing Center. Current projects include supporting the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition in their Galbraith Mountain parking lot expansion.

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