



Uniting in service to families, with children, experiencing homelessness.

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STATEMENT ON PALLET SHELTER PROGRAM (FAITH FAMILY VILLAGE)

The Interfaith Family Shelter has a 40-year track record of collaborating with diverse faith and community partners in our mission to serve families with children who are experiencing homelessness. The Pallet shelter community village is an example of this commitment, particularly the ability to offer eight additional emergency shelter units for families. Faith Family Village was launched in partnership with Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Food Bank with the goal of getting even more families off the streets and develop financial self-sufficiency.

This program has experienced unfortunate setbacks since its launch, including staff misalignment with the core mission that prompted termination of the project's three-way agreement. These unforeseen developments impacted not just the program itself, but also the families enrolled in this program who faced uncertainty around their shelter stays. Until these issues are resolved, the Pallet shelter program is temporarily on hiatus (since Sep 2024) and unable to accept families experiencing homelessness.

The Interfaith Family Shelter is still committed to reviving this shelter program, so that we can continue to meet the need for emergency family shelter. We have been diligently working with the City of Everett, Faith Lutheran Church, and other partners for the past several months in engaged mediation to keep this important project going.

We encourage our supporters, community members and – most importantly – those we serve to disregard inflammatory and biased statements that you may come across about the status of this project and its goals. These kinds of statements misrepresent a very complex and layered situation, and do not accurately reflect all stakeholder perspectives.

For accurate and recent information on our Pallet shelter project, its current status, and timeline to reopening, please reach out to Lynsey Gagnon at 425-252-6672 ext 100 or by email at lgagnon@interfaithwa.org.

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