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Somerset Village and Aunt Bette's Community Center



Program Summary

Somerset Village Apartments are located in Lynnwood and provide permanent housing to large families. In 2018, the property was purchased by YWCA because of its location and size.

This 64 unit of primarily 3 to 4 bedrooms apartments serves large families at risk of becoming homeless with a lower income., typically less than \$40,000.

Somerset Village is positioned close to other YWCA housing in Snohomish County. This allows families the opportunity to access to additional supportive services such as case management, community services, and referrals for health care and job training.

Additionally, Somerset surrounds **Aunt Bette's Community Center**, which provides services specifically for children living at Somerset Village.

Community Challenges

- ◆ In the US, mothers are overrepresented among the working poor; more than two-thirds bring home at least half of the household's total earnings.
- ◆ In Snohomish County, nearly 40% of individuals experiencing homelessness were members of the BIPOC community.
- ◆ In 2020 Snohomish County witnessed a rapid loss of low-income housing (meaning rents less than 800 a month)

ABOUT US

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. For over 127 years, YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish has been committed to breaking down barriers to opportunity for women and girls in the region. We are advocates for equity and operate a network of community-based programs from Everett to Auburn, delivering culturally-relevant services in the most critical areas of people's lives, such as housing, health, safety, employment, and economic advancement.

Somerset Village Apartments & Aunt Bette's Community Center

Aunt Bette's Community Center

Aunt Bette's Community Center offers practical resources to the Somerset community. As families work their individualized plans of care, Aunt Bette's Community Center provides a safe, welcoming, and warm environment to their children. YWCA is very thankful for the generosity of Aunt Bette. Her legacy of embracing togetherness, continues to live on. Some resources found at Aunt Bette's are:

- ◆ Computer & Afterschool Homework Lab
- ◆ Babysitters Training Program
- ◆ Diversity Club
- ◆ Cultural Festivities
- ◆ College Interest Programs
- ◆ YWCA classes such as Economic Empowerment class

Participant Outcomes

- ◆ In 2020 YWCA provided permanent housing for more than 2000 people.
- ◆ YWCA owns more than 900 housing units. During 2020 income received from subsidized rent was waived to accommodate losses generated by the ongoing pandemic.
- ◆ YWCA's approach to individualized care assisted more than 600 people with housing through its rapid rehousing programs.

