



investing in organizations that build community

Success Story: YWCA of Pierce

Impact Capital helps build and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in underserved communities throughout Washington. We provide strategic financial support to nonprofits organizations, housing authorities, and tribal entities throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our resources empower passionate people to transform their community's dreams into reality.

YWCA of Pierce County
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“When women find out they can have their own apartment, they will be encouraged to seek help. Living in a shelter seems so hard that many people might not leave (the abuse).”

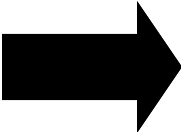
YWCA of Pierce County borrowed an acquisition loan from Impact Capital towards the purchase of the Wilsonion Apartments, a block away from their current facilities. The YWCA hopes that by moving their facility to this new location it will give them the ability



Impact Capital Funding
\$624,702
Acquisition Loan
to purchase the
Wilsonion Apartments and
begin renovations

to increase available housing by 50%, while also creating a more comfortable living environment for women, their children and pets. In the original building each woman lived in a 97 square foot room (pictured below) with up to three children. Whereas, in the new

building each woman will be in separate apartments. There are variety of styles ranging from studios for single women up to multi-bedroom apartments with the capacity to hold up to a nine person family or be transformed into an apartment for multiple single women. The new facility will allow for each woman to have a private kitchen and bathroom.



“When talking with clients and trying to see what a bigger space would do for them. Nobody wants to say anything negative. They are so grateful for the safety we are able to provide them and for the support that we offer throughout their stay that it’s difficult to get them to say anything negative.”
- Kelly McDonald, Marketing

Empowering Individuals, Building Community

But the hope is that we “can accommodate all types of families. A place for children to play, places for teenagers to do homework and fill their needs, something that we can’t address at the current shelter. These are all things that would really help us do a better job in keeping not only the women and children that come here safe but helping them feel comfortable and that they’re in a really productive working environment and providing them with help for their future life.”



It will give people a chance to act like a family, to sit at the table together, and not have to share family time with 50 other people who are also going through tough times.

The difference the Wilsonion Apartments will make. . .

Increased Capacity

- ◆ Increase of 25 beds (50% increase overall) to 75
- ◆ Each family unit has its own kitchen and bathroom
- ◆ An increase in bed space of 50% allows more clients to be served
- ◆ Several apartments will house larger families of up to 9 individuals
- ◆ Individual apartments have built-in desks
- ◆ 11,475 square feet of safe residential space

Benefits of Private Space

- ◆ Families can live as families in the privacy of their own space with the dignity it affords
- ◆ Units have kitchens and tables for family meals
- ◆ Crowding stressors are eliminated amid a time of family crisis
- ◆ Pet owners fleeing from violence have more space for their beloved animals
- ◆ Private living conditions mirror independent life outside

To learn more, go to. . .

- ◆ <http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/safetytips.html>
- ◆ <http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=djISI6PIKpG&b=284783>

