

Gardner House and Allen Family Center

Quote Sheet

- “Families experiencing homelessness are sometimes described as invisible – hidden from view and underrepresented in official counts. Gardner House and Allen Family Center prioritize families with a two-pronged approach offering family-sized housing and services to help families avoid or exit homelessness. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, Gardner House has been able to welcome more than ninety families to their new homes, while the nonprofit organizations at the Allen Family Center quickly pivoted to delivering services virtually where needed. It’s partnerships like these that will help build lasting solutions to homelessness in our community.”
-- **Jody Allen, co-founder and chair of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.**
- “The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare the incredible need for affordable housing in our city, particularly among families who are most vulnerable. I’m proud of our team and our partners who adapted very quickly in light of COVID-19 and were able to offer housing and resources at the most critical time. They made it possible for families who were coming from homelessness to shelter in place.” -- **Joe Thompson, president of Mercy Housing Northwest.**
- “The value of great public-private partnerships cannot be understated. As the City leveraged affordable housing, it also partnered with our community organizations on the frontlines of making change in our community. Paul Allen’s legacy will live on through this building that will continue to support our most vulnerable low-income and formerly homeless neighbors in need of housing and services.” -- **Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan**
- “Supporting the community is one of our key missions, so from groundbreaking, all the way to the grand opening and beyond, the Seahawks are thrilled to stand behind Gardner House and the Allen Family Center as they provide such vital services to those experiencing homelessness in our community.” -- **Jeff Richards, Seahawks Vice President of Marketing and Community Engagement.**
- “We know that the need is great for families today, with a need for services and affordable housing, and it’s growing. Families who were vulnerable before suffering the economic impacts of this pandemic will need help – we can provide life-saving services, resources, and hope! We are incredibly grateful to The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the City of Seattle, and Mercy Housing and excited to be a part of this incredible project.” -- **Marty Hartman, Executive Director of Mary’s Place.**

- “ReWA is excited and honored to partner with Mercy Housing, Child Care Resources, Mary’s Place, and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation to envision and implement a creative and collaborative way to combine all of our resources to provide high quality services to marginalized communities at Allen Family Center.” -- **Mahnaz Eshetu, Executive Director, ReWA**

- “Child Care Resources is grateful to be a partner in the amazing endeavor that is Gardner House and Allen Family Center. Allen Family Center represents the innovative, compassionate, and intentional collaboration amongst our wonderful community partners. We believe that the positive impact to families being served by the center will be so much greater through this collaboration. Aligning with the vision and mission of Child Care Resources, we believe that the family, community, and racial equity focus of this building will result in all children experiencing a great start in life. We are honored to provide the early learning supports for families living at Gardner House and within the Mount Baker community and celebrate with all of you the opening of this visionary service model for our community.” -- **Phoebe Sade Anderson, CEO, Child Care Resources**