



Village Cohousing Works

OUR VISION

Let's build community based, cohousing inspired, permanently affordable housing for those who need it.

The Need

We aim to bring affordable housing to the underserved rural north county, in the form of community-centered construction that prioritizes those who have experienced or are vulnerable to homelessness. We envision a model that offers residents the opportunity to gain equity in the context of stable and meaningful relationships.

The COOPERATIVE HOUSING model of village style housing with shared community spaces

gives residents more economical, efficient, meaningful, and fun life experiences. Relationships foster accountability and a sense of well-being and safety, making it possible for those with a history of financial hardship and trauma to work towards greater stability.

Historically marginalized low-income rural residents will be given an opportunity to become a part of a community-centered neighborhood designed to foster relationships and belonging. This is a unique opportunity to meet the basic human need for safe, decent housing in the context of mutually reliant relationships.



About Us

Village Cohousing Works is a grassroots organization committed to harnessing the power of community to positively change lives with permanent housing.

Charles Durrett, an award-winning architect who introduced the concept of cohousing in the United States, has consulted with our VCW team, providing guidance on site feasibility, community outreach, and fundraising.

We have recently transitioned to a fiscal sponsorship under **Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund**. The sponsorship puts VCW under Smith-Barbieri's 501(c)3 umbrella while we establish a board, and gets the paperwork in order for our own nonprofit status. Under Smith-Barbieri, 100% of donations to VCW will go to our projects.



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