



SAFESTREETS

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Everett Rotary presents Catholic Housing Services with \$100,000 grant

Gift will help fund community room in Safe Streets supportive housing building

EVERETT – The [Rotary Club of Everett](#) presented Catholic Housing Services (CHS) with a \$100,000 grant at the Everett City Council meeting on Wednesday. CHS, in partnership with the City of Everett, will build and manage Everett’s first [supportive housing building](#), with construction slated to begin in fall 2017.

The grant will fund a community room in the new facility; the room will be named in honor of Rotary Past President Steve Saunders and wife, Jo, whose estate funded the gift.

The low-barrier housing project, which is based on the [“Housing First”](#) model, will provide chronically homeless individuals with stable housing, and then surround them with 24/7 case management and access to treatment. This approach has proven successful in many communities for individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness.

The supportive housing facility will house 65 individuals, many who struggle with addiction, mental illness, and other obstacles that have gotten in the way of accessing housing.

The \$100,000 donation is one of several that the Rotary club has made to celebrate their centennial. Mayor Ray Stephanson proclaimed June 28, 2017, as Steve and Jo Saunders Appreciation Day in honor of the gift.

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