

Our Home

Inclusive Community Collaborative

Hello Neighbor,

If you are receiving this letter, it's because we share an aspiration. Perhaps we have enjoyed a bowl of soup together, a cup of coffee or a beer, or a conversation about a community: an inclusive and diverse community to be exact. Maybe we see you every few weeks for **Our Home – Cathedral Park** gatherings, maybe we've only met once, or maybe this is the beginning of our connection; but however we know you, we're so glad you're here. Thank you for your belief that we are stronger together and for your ongoing support as we continue to move toward bringing our dream of our first inclusive and diverse community **Our Home – Cathedral Park** to light. WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!

While many aspects of life have slowed down since mid-March, the work of launching the Our Home, Inclusive Community Collaborative's first project, **Our Home – Cathedral Park**, is carrying on apace. We've had some exciting developments over the past few months, and we look forward to sharing the fruits of our labor. Please keep your eyes open for our outreach schedule to start this summer. We will share an updated community design, price list, pathway to membership, refocused website and FAQ for future neighbors and supporters.



Our next big push is to bring more neighbors into the fold and expand the Our Home – Cathedral Park community. The best way to create community is to reach out to you: our larger community.

In this time of the global pandemic, as many of us are isolated in our homes, and so many others of us are out responding to the crisis as essential workers trying to keep society moving forward, the importance of community — and the **Our Home** community in particular — is on our minds more than ever. With every crisis, from natural disaster to terrorist attack, one of the most common things we talk about as a nation is the way that we rise up and take care of our neighbors when the going gets tough. But this particular crisis, with its enforced separation, is different.



And as we take stock of what it means to be home alone, or just with an intimate circle of people — our families, our coworkers if we are still going to work, and the people we access through online meetings — we can't help but think how much richer our lives would be if the circle was just a little bigger. Sure, we can wave to our neighbors as we step out in masks to walk around the block for some fresh air, but in hearing from our friends currently living in cohousing, we know the experience could be so much more.

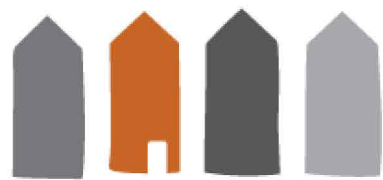
Imagine standing on your balcony overlooking a communal courtyard, reading poetry together, singing, having a dance party. Imagine a communal kitchen that can safely create take-out meals to share. Imagine, if you live alone, knowing that someone, or maybe five someones, will notice if you don't appear in the doorway one morning, and will check on you to make sure you are well. Imagine shared grocery trips, seed packets, and 50-pound bags of flour. Imagine knowing, because of the choices you made to live in a rich, interdependent community, that you will never need to be alone again.

In the words of author and philosopher, Charles Eisenstein, let us “take advantage of this pause, this break in normal, to turn onto a path of reunion, of holism, of the restoring of lost connections, of the repair of community and the rejoining of the web of life... We have the opportunity now to forge a new, more compassionate normal.”

Stay tuned, stay well, and stay together. We look forward to connecting with you in the months to come.

Warmly,

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“In the long history of humankind those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.” – Charles Darwin

