



## Dignity Village Tiny House Celebration - Media Advisory

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### Celebrate the completion of four tiny houses built for the houseless at Dignity Village!

**Who:** [ReBuilding Center](#), [Portland Youth Builders](#), [Constructing Hope](#), [Oregon Tradeswomen](#), [DPI Solar](#), [Portland Trail Blazers](#)

**What:** Celebration of the completion of four tiny houses for the houseless at Dignity Village

**Where:** [Dignity Village](#), 9401 NE Sunderland Ave, Portland, OR 97211

**When:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Why:** The purpose of this event is to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Dignity Village tiny house building project for the houseless with members of the houseless community, ReBuilding Center volunteers, city officials, trades training organizations, and other community members with a pizza party.

### About the Dignity Village celebration

In 2000, Dignity Village was established as “a membership-based community in Northeast Portland, providing shelter off the streets,” with close to 60 Villagers working democratically to self-govern “with a mission to provide transition housing that fosters community and self-empowerment.”

Over the last couple of months, the ReBuilding Center and many trades training organizations have been working together to build four new tiny houses for the Village to provide safe shelter that helps residents achieve greater agency in their lives. The project was assisted with financial support from the Portland Trail Blazers. DPI Solar provided volunteer labor to install solar panels, which were affixed to each of the new homes, with the roof slope designed to maximize the solar capture. This technology aims to not only power Dignity Village, but also to become a net producer in the summer, allowing the Village to pass along excess energy to low-income users.

This event will celebrate the completion of the tiny houses with all of the parties involved, and Portland Youth Builders will be building garden beds to grow fresh produce for Dignity Village’s inhabitants.

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