

# Gonzaga Family Haven



**73**  
permanent supportive  
housing units for families  
experiencing homelessness

**25**  
1-bedroom units

**36**  
2-bedroom units

**11**  
3-bedroom units

**20,000**  
square ft of  
community space

Located next door to Gonzaga Preparatory School and three blocks from the Gonzaga University Campus

## Community Impact

Gonzaga Family Haven is the 17th-tax credit property that Catholic Charities Eastern Washington (CCEW) has been awarded and constructed since 2012. Gonzaga Family Haven will change the lives of families who have experienced the trauma of intergenerational poverty, homelessness, and the chaos of family separation. Through a unique partnership with Gonzaga University and Gonzaga Preparatory School embedded student volunteers, the property will provide a full range of supportive services for residents of the community and be a magnet center for services for the neighborhood.

### Expected outcomes will include:

- Families will not fall back into homelessness or housing insecurity (couch surfing, doubling up)
- Parents will maintain clean, sober lives with full-time employment, free of criminal recidivism
- Children will have a stable environment from which to succeed and excel in school
- 100% engagement of families in supportive services and ongoing case management
- 100% treatment for parents and/or children struggling with behavioral health issues

Gonzaga Family Haven will create a stable, supportive environment to build resiliency in the children who live onsite while reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Without this safe place, children exposed to ACEs are up to 33 percent more likely to become homeless, 11 times as likely to use intravenous drugs, and 14 times more likely to attempt suicide. They are 2.5 times more likely to fail a grade, score lower on standardized tests, are expelled more frequently, and are more likely to be designated to need special education.

Gonzaga Family Haven will provide families with a safe place to live and access services to improve their wellness and stability and provide a path to pre-arranged, dedicated scholarships to Gonzaga Prep and Gonzaga University. Our goal is to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, which takes root in adverse childhood experiences, lack of stable housing, food insecurity, and undertreated behavioral health conditions. Gonzaga Family Haven will address all of those obstacles, solving them for families living onsite so that children can grow up in safety and stability, creating a path towards high school and college for every child.

Some of the future residents will be graduates of Catholic Charities' Rising Strong program, which provides intensive treatment and support in a residential setting to parents at risk of losing their children and families. This demonstrates Gonzaga Family Haven's goal to break the traps that so many families fall into while struggling with issues of poverty.

## Gonzaga Family Haven Services onsite

- Peer support relationships
- Adult education/employment readiness
- Personal health and wellness classes
- Case management
- Health and substance abuse counseling/treatment
- Access to primary health care
- Food preparation and nutrition classes
- Multi-modal transportation systems
- Scholarships at Gonzaga Prep and GU

## Ammenities

- Early Learning Center/Childcare
- Afterschool program study center
- Medical Clinic
- Adult/Youth Education/Computer Lab
- Multi-denominational Chapel and reflection space
- Indoor social gathering and recreation space
- Splash Pad
- ¼ mile protected internal bike trail on the property
- Covered gathering pavilion
- Community garden
- Dog Park

## Future opportunities for growth:

Gonzaga Family Haven also presents and operationalizes a fully replicable model for other Catholic high schools and colleges to consider. Using tax credits and Section 8 vouchers, Gonzaga Family Haven funding and operational sources are available in all 50 states. Catholic Charities Spokane is currently actively assisting nearly one dozen other Catholic Charities agencies around the U.S. to plan and build their first tax credit family supportive housing complex with this same model.