

Constructing a Solid Foundation

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LITTLE ROCK – With [homelessness increasing](#), finding shelter is becoming an issue for some in Washington State. Incarcerated men at [Cedar Creek Corrections Center](#) are helping communities by building tiny homes and positively changing their own lives through learning new skills and trades.



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See the video at

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Carley oversees the building maintenance technology program at Cedar Creek. What began as a class has now morphed into a great partnership between the [Department of Corrections](#) and [Low Income Housing Institute](#) to help build tiny home villages in Seattle. The program has 18 participation spots each session. There are classes in roofing, siding, and drywall. With not many materials at their disposal, the students learn by tearing down what they had recently built.

Last session, the program delivered three houses. This class is making four homes and hope to have six completed for the following session. Partnering with groups like the Low Income Housing Institute encourages positive interaction with the community and helps improve public understanding. The Institute is working on their 10th village in Seattle. These villages serve around 350 people at one time.

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