



Amara

A SOFT LANDING FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

Amara's King County Emergency Sanctuary, Grandese's Place, gets a permanent home

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Harnish Foundation and the ongoing support of our community, we are excited to unveil Harnish Building, a brand-new building on our Seattle campus.



What is it?

Our Emergency Sanctuary is the only one of its kind in King County and provides a temporary home to kids who were recently removed from their home for their own safety. It is a safe place for kids to land that gives families and state social workers more time to find the best long-term option for the child.

At a time when kids experience uncertainty and fear, the Sanctuary:

- Keeps siblings together
- Is supervised by trauma-informed staff and volunteers
- Provides comfort, security, and opportunities for kids to heal
- Is open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

Why is it important?

When children are removed from their homes and enter foster care, options are often limited due to the availability of emergency/ready foster families. Children are housed in hotels with social workers or moved from family to family in a short period of time, adding to the initial trauma children experience. Our Sanctuaries in King and Pierce Counties help fill that gap, providing a warm and welcoming place for 450 children each year.

In its new permanent home on our Seattle campus, designed with children at the center, our Emergency Sanctuary will have quick access to Amara's resources and staff, improved security, and a lovely playground right outside the front door, thanks to the Employees Community Fund of Boeing.

We anticipate opening the doors to our Emergency Sanctuary for children in King County in February 2019.

Visit Us!

We look forward to hosting a series of open houses with our community including media prior to its official opening.

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