

**How does your mission align with the Satterberg Foundation's mission of promoting a Just Society and a Sustainable Environment? (max. 250 words)**

Similar to the Satterberg Foundation's values of community, respect, and compassion, Construction for Change advocates for a culture that recognizes the diverse communities around it. We are motivated by social impact over financial profit and therefore only pursue work that aligns with our mission-driven priorities. By utilizing local labor and materials during our projects—be it across the globe or right next door—we are able to continually maintain and promote a sustainable environment. By joining with and lifting up the great work of local Washington nonprofits, we can see first-hand how building the right facilities creates opportunities for marginalized communities, contributing to a more just society.

Notably, our organization has partnered with World Relief Seattle—a nonprofit organization that exists to serve refugees and immigrants in the Greater Seattle Area—resulting in a collaborative project that brought a sustainable community garden and teaching kitchen to refugee and immigrant community members. The purpose of the garden is to grow culturally-appropriate foods that promote a healthier lifestyle and improve food access. The garden also features water cistern tanks designed to filter and reuse runoff stormwater. The teaching kitchen—slated for early 2020—will provide individuals training in food preparation and service, allowing them to gain practical, employable skills. We secured 10 local construction companies to engage with the project, including the nonprofit Plumbers Without Borders and the architectural firm, CollinsWoman, as a pro bono designer. As we near construction completion, over 1,000 members of the refugee community now have access to these critical facilities. **(248 words)**

**Does your organization engage in advocacy? How are you helping to empower communities to overcome barriers and inequity? If you do not engage much with advocacy, please explain why. (max. 250 words)**

Construction for Change believes that empowering communities is the most important work to be done. In every project we engage in, our focus is on supporting the economic, educational, and health-based progress of communities in need. We believe everyone should have equal access to basic resources.

In 2015, we worked with the University District Youth Center (UDYC) to modernize their facility. UDYC is a Seattle organization that gives homeless youth resources to improve their life skills, efficacy, and housing situations. Operating out of an old house, UDYC was desperately in need of repairs. By partnering with local companies, we were able to provide new flooring and plumbing, electrical work, and other renovation services that allowed UDYC to continue their mission helping at-risk youth in a facility with proper infrastructure.

In 2012, we partnered with the University District Food Bank to remodel their facility by upgrading their shelving spaces and electrical fixtures. The University District Food Bank distributes over two million pounds of groceries per year to people in need. With this remodel, we were able to help them continue to serve the community, as well as improve their capacity to touch the lives of even more families.