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Redmond nonprofit hub, with 280 affordable units, to open next month

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Inland Group began work in March of 2021 on the redevelopment of the Together Center property, a converted former strip mall at [16305 N.E. 87th St. in downtown Redmond](#). Two new midrise buildings, with 280 affordable units above various services and nonprofit offices, are to open on Sept. 9. Together Center announced the ribbon cutting and grand opening on its website.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with remarks from Together Center CEO Kim Sarnecki, Redmond Mayor Angela Birney and others. Tours of the new buildings will then follow, along with food trucks and other entertainment outside.

Programming is for 80 low-income units, including the formerly homeless, to be managed by Horizon Housing Alliance in the east corner building; and 200 workforce units for households earning in a range of 50% to 60% of area median income.

The latter, in the larger west building at 16255 87th, will operate as Polaris at Together Center. Units there range from studios to three-bedrooms. The consumer website is now leasing apartments, with rents ranging from \$1,410 for a studio to \$2,079 for a three-bedroom with over 1,000 square feet. The two wings are dubbed Forest and Sound.

Olson Projects was the architect, on a team that also included DCI Engineers, structural; Earth Solutions NW, geotechnical engineer; KPFF, civil engineer; Dureya & Assoc., surveyor; and Fazio & Assoc., landscape architect.

Prior to construction, the budget was estimated at around \$70 million. Funding sources included the



Images via Together Center [\[enlarge\]](#)

About 22 nonprofits will be based in the two buildings, below the apartments.



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The two buildings are pictured late last year, during the latter stages of construction.

Washington State Housing Finance Commission and Microsoft. Third Place Design Cooperative recently designed the new main entryway and wall installation honoring other project donors. That's in the smaller east building, on the corner of 164th Avenue Northeast, aka the Mountain Building.

Over 20 affiliated nonprofits will be based at the new Together Center, with about 49,000 square feet of office and clinic space. Familiar names there include Cascadia College, ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing), the National Alliance on Mental Illness and IACS (Indian American Community Services).

Staff and tenants will have 227 parking stalls on one underground level. The development is also about 15 minutes by foot, southbound, to the future Downtown Redmond Station.

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