

LCA was hired to work with Catholic Charities and Home-Aid, the Home Builders' Association's charity arm, to develop a three-unit housing project for homeless teenage mothers. This project was Home-Aid's first project to reduce homelessness in the Portland area. Over 75% of the cost of construction is expected to be provided free of charge. The site itself was a gift from the City of Portland to Catholic Charities and provided some unique challenges. It had never been developed due to its substandard size. After providing for building setbacks, dedications, on-site water managements and required outdoor areas, the actual buildable area was very small. LCA worked around this by designing a compact, extremely space efficient set of townhouses to maximize the tight space. The buildings were designed to not require consultant engineering, which expedited construction and permitting.

