

SHARING THE FUTURE



Counting to 100

2009 is a year of milestones: our 10 year anniversary, a name change, office move – and our 100th home!

Cheryl bought Proud Ground's 100th home in September, after four years on our wait list, waiting for just the right time and home.

Cheryl has a stable job that she loves, with the local nonprofit organization Oregon Wild. She had long dreamed of having her own place with a garden, and, as an avid bike-commuter, she wanted to live within biking distance of work.

However, even though she's been working in her field for many years, Cheryl just couldn't afford a home on the open market.

"This Proud Ground home was a no brainer!" Cheryl exclaims.

Now that she's a homeowner, she feels "grounded and relieved. All the hard work and process it took to get to this point makes sense. Now I look forward to relaxing on the front porch with friends and saying hello to neighbors, planting a garden, and having many messy cooking days in the kitchen."



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Green living in Lents is move-in ready!

Pardee Commons, a 10-unit project that uniquely combines duplex-style townhomes and detached units with shared green space and green features is ready for first-time homeowners!

Thanks to Proud Ground, PDC and CityHouse Builders these homes are for sale at an amazingly affordable price range: \$124,500-\$155,000.

“... of all the housing projects that have happened in the Lents Town Center URA, so far, this one is at the top of my list for being attractive and well designed.”

**Cora Potter, Chair,
Lents Urban Renewal
Advisory Committee**

It’s hard to imagine a housing project that is so unique, green and sustainable at these prices. And as an Earth Advantage Platinum Home development, these 2 & 3 bedroom units with a shared courtyard make for an affordable, family-friendly project.

Four new families already call Pardee Commons home. Visit www.proudground.org if you would like to join them!

Not ready to buy in time for Pardee Commons? Then be on the look-out for these upcoming Proud Ground projects:

Woolsey Commons

- 8 condominium style homes
- Priced from \$135,000-\$160,000
- 2 & 3 bedrooms, 800 – 1300 sq ft
- 600 square foot ground floor shared-use common unit (for out of town guests!)
- Central exterior courtyard will serve as a play area, garden space and community gathering spot
- Late 2010 sales

Svaboda Court

- 8-12 duplex style townhomes
- 2 & 3 bedrooms
- Family-friendly
- On track to meet LEED for Homes Platinum
- Early 2011 sales

Ivy City Homes

- Live-work and 2 BR condominiums on NE MLK & Fremont
- 18 units reserved for Proud Ground buyers (30 total units)
- Early pre-development stage

\$10,000 for 10 years — but only with your help!

In honor of Proud Ground’s 10 year anniversary, we offer a challenge to our friends & supporters:

Help us raise \$10,000 by December 31 — and we’ll end our 10th year with a bang! This level of support will help ensure we end our 10th year on solid ground, ready for the opportunities and challenges of 2010, when we plan to do even more to help families realize the dream of homeownership.

Please take a moment right now to help us rise to the challenge! Donate online at www.proudground.org.

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Photos: Rebecca Maxwell



Winning the small things

Our bathroom sink was clogged. I was on vacation. My sister was visiting. And she said, “Well, let’s fix it.”



My partner and I have been homeowners for four years and this was the first time we had passed on hiring a trained professional. And on Drano. This was the first time I said, “Okay, I can do this.”

And it was just awful.

The smell, the sights and even the sounds turned our stomachs. And lingered for hours. But something else lingered too. Satisfaction. Even a bit of pride.

I had unclogged my own sink!

Many of you could probably do this in your sleep. But I am always surprised at the little things—the little accomplishments—that make homeownership worth so much.

Now on to the caulk in the shower!



The more we get together

Proud Ground’s program incorporates a variety of partnerships, which contribute to our community’s family of affordable homes – and the current partnership between Proud Ground, Portland YouthBuilders, and ROSE CDC is a perfect example.

This partnership will yield four permanently affordable homes in Lents, and one of these homes will be accessible for a homeowner with disabilities.

How does it work?

ROSE acquired a tax-foreclosed lot from Multnomah County at no cost and is the project developer. PYB is the builder. A Community Vision client will become one of the new homeowners.

Proud Ground brings the remaining homebuyers – and ensures the permanent affordability of all of the homes upon resale. Proud Ground also maintains a relationship with homeowners after closing, helping new homeowners navigate the wide world of homeownership.

An added bonus: the homes built through this partnership are either Energy Star or LEED certified.

“The most surprising thing about becoming a homeowner is actually coming to the realization that it’s *our* home.”

Victoria Lamy
Proud Ground homeowner
through this partnership

Photo: Jennifer Brinkman

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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