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Housing opens in Mount Baker neighborhood

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Gardner House and Allen Family Center at 3190 S. Hanford St. in Seattle opened for low-income and homeless families or those on the verge of becoming so in February and is now 100 percent occupied.

Mercy Housing Northwest developed and owns the eight-story building a block from the Mount Baker light rail station, according to press materials from Runberg Architecture Group, the architect and interior architect.

Gardner House has 95 apartments: 37 one-bedroom, 42 two-bedroom and 16 three-bedroom. They range from 527 to 1,069 square feet and are open to people making 30 to 60 percent of the area median income.



Photo by Christophe Servieres [\[enlarge\]](#)

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation provided a \$30 million grant for the project.

In the ground-floor Allen Family Center are service providers Mercy Housing Northwest, which offers out-of-school time programs and health education and helps navigate the road to financial stability; Mary's Place, which focuses on housing placement and homelessness prevention; Refugee Women's Alliance, which focuses on housing, job navigation, mental health and other services for immigrant/refugee families; and Child Care Resources, which helps secure childcare and offers Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups.

A bright floral mural on the building was painted by Kenji Stoll.

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation provided a \$30 million grant for the project, which is named for the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and foundation Chairwoman Jody Allen's mother, Faye Gardner Allen, a former Seattle schoolteacher who was an advocate for public libraries.

Additional funding came from the Seattle Office of Housing.

The team also included Walsh Construction Co., builder; KPFF Consulting Engineers, civil; Coughlin Porter Lundeen, structural; Ecotope,

MEP and energy consultant; RDH Building Science, building envelope consultant; A3 Acoustics, acoustical engineer; and Fazio Associates Landscape Architects.