



A Permanent Home for What This Community Has Built

More than a decade of getting and giving has led to a larger possibility: a permanent campus where service, skills, creativity, and community can grow together.



CURRENT CAMPUS PROPERTY

Former Laurelwood Academy property near Gaston, photographed July 2026.



CURRENT CAMPUS OVERVIEW

Existing property footprint and grounds.

CAMPUS SCALE More than 50 acres and more than 130,000 square feet of existing buildings, including classrooms, trade shops, automotive bays, a theater, gym, commercial kitchens, gathering spaces, and outdoor land.

THE WORK HAS BEEN GROWING SINCE 2015.

Since Steve and Angel Sheets began GG's House in their detached garage in 2015, the work has grown through four locations into an independent, volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a far-reaching practical support network. GG's House does more than distribute donated goods. It helps individuals and families furnish newly secured housing, supports public agencies and community events, and equips nonprofits of every size, including national organizations, with goods they need to keep serving people. When organizations serving veterans, hospitals, police and fire departments, or other nonprofits cannot meet a specific need through their usual systems, GG's House works to close the gap.

That work is powered by relationships, donated inventory, volunteer effort, resourcefulness, and years of listening before acting. Useful goods move where they can do the most good, people are connected with practical resources, and other organizations can keep doing their own work. Existing GG's House services will continue as the campus is acquired and developed. A permanent home would give this established work stability and room to grow.

WHY THIS CAMPUS MATTERS.

GG's House is actively raising approximately \$1.4 million to acquire the former Laurelwood Academy property near Gaston as its preferred permanent home. Its more than 50 acres and more than 130,000 square feet of existing buildings bring industrial arts shops, five automotive bays, classrooms, gathering areas, a gym, commercial kitchens, dining spaces, a theater, offices, gardens, and outdoor land into one connected campus. The value is not simply the property's size. It is how these spaces could connect established service with practical learning, creativity, family support, and belonging.

“A permanent home gives a growing community room to serve, learn, create, and belong.”

Room for More People to Take Part

A connected campus could bring practical skills, creativity, family learning, food, and community gathering into one place.

ROOM TO LEARN, MAKE, AND CREATE.

Existing trade spaces could let experienced welders, fabricators, carpenters, painters, automotive professionals, and other craftspeople work beside people who want to learn. A teenager could discover an ability, an adult could build confidence, and a retired craftspeople could pass knowledge to another generation. The arts belong alongside the trades. The theater could support children's theater, community productions, acting, music, stagecraft, costumes, set construction, and storytelling. Classrooms could also support mentoring, prenatal and parenting classes, and other practical learning led by qualified teachers and partners.

One garden, many lessons.

One garden could become a connected path from soil to table. People of all ages could learn to respect and prepare the soil, choose seeds, plant, care for crops, harvest, preserve food, and bring some of what they grow into the commercial kitchens to prepare and share it. Gardens, classrooms, kitchens, mentors, volunteers, and gathering spaces could work together, helping people understand an entire process and discover where their own skills fit.



FUTURE VISION RENDERING - CONCEPT ONLY

One possible vision for a renewed community theater. This is not a photograph of an existing GG's House program or an approved final design.

The campus could serve the public from Forest Grove to Portland and beyond. Children, teenagers, adults, families, and seniors could gather with volunteers, artists, teachers, tradespeople, nonprofits, and neighbors. Some may arrive needing practical help. Others may come ready to teach, repair, create, mentor, perform, volunteer, or simply take part. The strongest campus would make room for both.

A RESPONSIBLE PATH FORWARD.

Approximately \$1.4 million secures the opportunity. Restoration and activation would follow responsibly in phases, guided by continued professional evaluation, stabilization, realistic funding plans, partnerships, qualified leadership, and long term operations. Trade education, theater, gardens, family learning, recreation, and community gatherings could grow as spaces and capacity allow.

There is more than one way to help. People may register interests in current service, events, distribution, trades, teaching, arts and theater, gardening, family education, administration, fundraising, restoration, professional services, and future campus activities. Some roles are needed now. For others, GG's House can reach out when a suitable opportunity becomes available.

"No one has to build the future alone. Every person who gives, shares, teaches, creates, or volunteers helps bring it closer."



SUPPORT THE CAMPUS

Help secure a permanent home for the work and community to grow.

DISCOVER

EXPLORE GG'S HOUSE

See today's work and the vision for what could come next.

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TAKE PART

VOLUNTEER WITH GG'S HOUSE

Register your interests for current or future opportunities.

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