

FAIRMONT OLYMPIC



FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL IN SEATTLE DONATES FURNITURE TO MARY'S PLACE IN AN EFFORT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS *Fairmont Olympic's recent renovation left 450 rooms worth of furniture without a home*

SEATTLE, Washington, May 1, 2016: The Fairmont Olympic Hotel is currently under-going a [complete 450 room renovation](#). This endeavor is updating all guest rooms and corridors, and is on schedule to be completed July 1. As the floors go out of order, one by one, the Fairmont Olympic is left with an average of 45 rooms' worth of furniture per floor.

"We were definitely faced with a challenge," said Fairmont Olympic's General Manager, Markus Treppenhauer. "Fairmont as a brand has a dedication to sustainability and community involvement, and to find ways to use the furniture without wasting it was one of the hardest parts of the renovation."

During the search for a home for the furniture, the [Seattle Hotel Association](#) connected Fairmont Olympic's team with [Mary's Place](#), a non-profit dedicated to empowering homeless women, children and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, hope and a safe community.

"This donation truly came at the perfect time," shared Mary's Place's Executive Director, Marty Hartman. "We were in the midst of [launching a project with Amazon](#) to repurpose a 60 room motel into a shelter for homeless families. This furniture will help families recover a piece of themselves they may have lost while living in cars or on the streets. Children will have desks to do homework, families will have dressers to hold warm donated clothes, everyone will have



real beds to sleep in. These things, that may seem small to others, are the foundational steps that people in need require to reclaim their dignity and their self-worth.”

The shelter was officially opened to help those in need on April 18th. Originally a Travelodge hotel on the Amazon campus in South Lake Union of Seattle, the space was converted into a shelter for the homeless as an effort to combat the [current civil state of emergency declaration on homelessness made by Mayor Ed Murray's office](#) back in November of 2015.

The property is located at 2213 Eighth Ave., a plot of land that Amazon purchased as part of its downtown Seattle expansion. Construction in the lot won't start for one year – so Mary's Place has been given the opportunity to run the building as a shelter, rent free, until construction begins in 2017.

Fairmont Olympic has since started to find other ways to support Mary's Place's efforts. “Even the smallest things,” added Executive Director Hartman, “such as donating half-used rolls of toilet paper and repurposed towels and bedding, will save us tens of thousands of dollars annually. Funds that we can instead use for warm clothes and hot meals.”

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About Fairmont Olympic Hotel

The Fairmont Olympic has been Seattle's most celebrated social address since opening in 1924. On the site of the original University of Washington campus, the hotel spans an entire city block. The Olympic hotel was built as a unique private & public partnership and has been a source of community pride and the city's most glamorous events for over 91 years. The Olympic is currently on the cusp of reinventing itself, with a full room and corridor renovation underway and set to be completed July 1, 2016.

About Mary's Place

Mary's Place empowers women, children, and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, resources, healing and hope in a safe community. Mary's Place operates six emergency family night shelters, and two day centers that offer employment, housing, and wellness resources for families and single women.

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