“A tree with strong roots laughs at storms.”
-- Malay proverb

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Roots to Rise

Development Team
Our Story

Communities of color and indigenous peoples have, for generations, developed centers of hope and prosperity. Our communities have developed a resilience and capacity to thrive despite facing persistent discrimination and relentless displacement.

82nd & SE Division is a haven where displaced families, recent refugees and working class communities come together. It is where basic infrastructure and public services like sidewalks, safe crossings and complete streets begin to disappear.

The area, intersecting four neighborhoods, was branded the “Jade District” as part of the City’s Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative, encompassing over 300 small businesses, a mix of affordable housing, Oregon’s fastest growing community college, and one of the most utilized bus stops within TriMet.

A Landmark Vision

Standing in the heart of the Jade District is the “Discount Furniture Store”, an 8,000 square foot cement building that has been vacant and for sale for years.

A year of multilingual listening sessions in 2014 prioritized redeveloping the site for the community, establishing an intergenerational, multicultural space that would provide a bulwark against gentrification.

Since 2015, APANO has been operating the space as the Jade/APANO Multicultural Space (JAMS), which has become a defacto cultural center.

In partnership with ROSE Community Development Corporation, APANO has been awarded the rights to redevelop the site into a Cultural Center as well as a permanent home for APANO.

The site will be a visible landmark, anchoring a diverse community, and providing a space for healing, organizing, civic engagement and the arts.

This transit oriented development will include:

- 5,000 sq. ft. Cultural Center
- Permanent APANO Offices
- Public Plaza
- 48 Units of Affordable Housing
- Playground

Over 15,000 people utilized the space in 2016.

Your investment in our Roots to Rise Capital Campaign will bring us closer to our $2 million goal.