



A SACRED PASSING

# *Deathcare Residency*

2026





# *Purpose*

**A SACRED PASSING'S DEATHCARE RESIDENCY PROGRAM SERVES A VITAL PURPOSE BY CHALLENGING TRADITIONAL NORMS SURROUNDING DEATHCARE.**

OUR PROGRAM AIMS TO PROVIDE A UNIQUE SPACE WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO END-OF-LIFE CARE. UNLIKE MAINSTREAM MODELS IN THE UNITED STATES, A SACRED PASSING'S CARE IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN PRINCIPLES OF ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-CAPITALISM, AND AUTONOMY. OUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH SETS THIS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY APART IN A CONVENTIONAL PRACTICE-DOMINATED FIELD.

**THIS PROGRAM ENABLES EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING BY OFFERING AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN OUR SPACE. PARTICIPANTS CAN WITNESS FIRSTHAND HOW DEATHCARE CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY, FOSTERING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF BEING TOGETHER.**

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY-BASED DEATHCARE PRACTICE WITHIN THE CURRENT SOCIETAL STRUCTURES PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. A SACRED PASSING'S INITIATIVE REPRESENTS A BOLD STEP TOWARDS RESHAPING THE NARRATIVE AROUND DEATHCARE, INVITING INDIVIDUALS TO EXPLORE AND EMBRACE A MORE COMPASSIONATE, INCLUSIVE, AND ETHICAL APPROACH TO END-OF-LIFE CARE.



# *Why this style of residency?*

**THIS RESIDENCY EXISTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNIT OUR THREADS OF CARE TOGETHER, TO EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF COMMUNITY DEATHCARE, AND TO BE A GENERATIVE SPACE FOR WISDOM-SHARING AND TRANSFORMATION IN COMMUNITY.**

A SACRED PASSING PROVIDES A SPACE TO BE CURIOUS IN EXPLORING DYING AND DEATH WHILE INTERTWINED WITH THE LIVING PROCESS. IT IS VITAL TO SEE DEATH HAPPEN DIFFERENTLY, AND AS SUCH, IMAGINATION, RAGE, CURIOSITY, REVERENCE, HUMOR, AND PRESENCE ARE ALL ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS TO BRING TO THIS RESIDENCY.

**THE VALUES OF A SACRED PASSING ARE LIVED THROUGH COMPASSION IN ACTION AND BEING COMPASSIONATE WITH YOU IN YOUR ACTIONS.**

IN A SPIRIT OF INTENTIONAL EDUCATION AND CO-CREATION, EACH RESIDENT WILL COLLABORATE IN CHANGING THIS SPACE, THIS COMMUNITY, AND THEMSELVES.

**HERE'S TO LEARNING TOGETHER.**





# Who is the residency for?

WE ARE CALLING IN PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY DEATHCARE. WE WELCOME PEOPLE WHO ARE OPEN TO GROWING THEIR CARING SKILLS AND ARE INTERESTED IN CO-CREATING, SHARED LEARNING, AND EXPANSIVE IMAGINING.

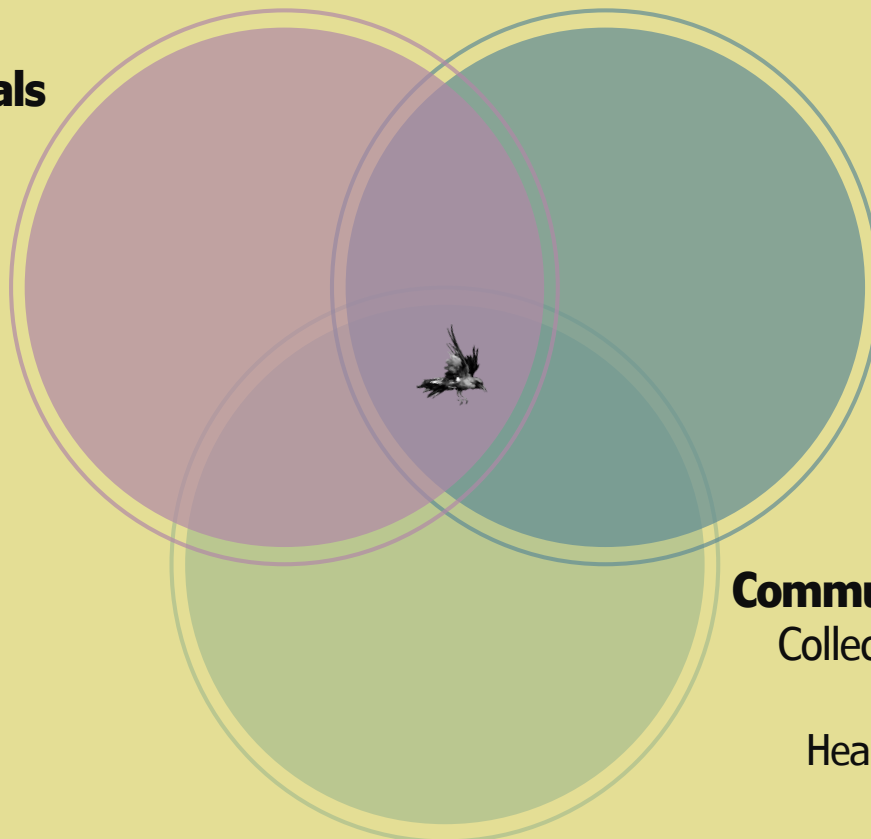
WE INVITE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, ARTISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES, WRITERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, TEACHERS, MUSICIANS, DOULAS, NON-MEDICAL CAREGIVERS, CHAPLAINS, COUNSELORS, & LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS TO APPLY.

IN GENERAL, THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE IN LINE WITH THEIR VALUES OF MUTUAL RESPECT, COMMUNITY VITALITY, AND GENUINE COLLABORATION ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, PERSONAL CARE, AND LIVING SUPPLIES WHILE IN RESIDENCY.

## Care Professionals

HCA  
RN  
MD  
Social Workers  
LMHT  
Doulas  
Chaplains



## Artists

Sculptors  
Painters  
Musicians  
Photographers  
Writers  
Creatives

## Community Members

Collective Members  
Activists  
Health Advocates  
Leaders





## *Where is the residency held?*



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A SACRED PASSING'S  
DEATHCARE RESIDENCY  
PROGRAM IS IN  
EATTLE, WASHINGTON,  
AT THE ASPHODEL,  
OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE.

7832 S 113TH STREET 98178



## *How long is the residency?*

THIS RESIDENCY PROGRAM OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN COMMUNITY DEATHCARE FOR A TIME PERIOD THAT WORKS WITH YOUR LIFE. SELECT A STAY THAT LASTS FROM **1 WEEK TO 1 MONTH**. EACH RESIDENT WILL SELECT COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESIDENCY. THIS CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE-STYLE PROGRAM ALLOWS OUR RESIDENTS INTENTIONAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY DEATHCARE.

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# *What are the fees for the residency?*

THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM IS AT IT'S ROOTS, FREE. WE WOULD LOVE SUPPORT ON A SLIDING-SCALE FEE, STARTING AT \$0. \$25 -\$35 PER DAY IS AVERAGE FOR COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS AND ARTISTS.

IF AN INSTITUTION IS SENDING YOU OR YOU ARE USING THIS ON A RESUME, FOR ADMISSION OR EMPLOYMENT - (E.G., MEDICAL SCHOOL, MORTUARY SCHOOL, AGENCY, CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM, ETC.), THERE IS A DIFFERENT SLIDING SCALE, AND WE ASK FOR A LARGER CONTRIBUTION TO KEEP THE PROGRAM SUSTAINABLE.

## **INCLUDED IN YOUR RESIDENCY:**

- SHELTER + LIVING SPACE AT ASPHODEL
- UTILITIES (WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, SEWER, GARBAGE, RECYCLING, COMPOST, AND WI-FI)
- LAUNDRY MACHINES
- ACCESS TO OFFICE EQUIPMENT (COMPUTER, PRINTER)
- BIRD FRIENDS



## **NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR RESIDENCY**

- DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OR STIPEND
- MEALS
- TRANSPORTATION
- SPACE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERSON
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- CLOTHING
- MEDICINE
- HEALTHCARE





# *Choose Your Own Adventure*

RESIDENTS ARE MATCHED COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT FEEL INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL. ENGAGEMENT WITH EACH PARTNER WILL VARY, AND PARTNERS OFTEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISE FOLKS WITH THE BREADTH OF EDUCATION AND TYPES OF PARTICIPATION THEY OFFER.

## **RESIDENCY LENGTH**

ONE WEEK  
TWO WEEKS  
THREE WEEKS  
ONE MONTH  
TWO MONTHS  
THREE MONTHS

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

0 - 1 PARTNER  
1 - 2 PARTNERS  
1 - 2 PARTNERS  
2 - 3 PARTNERS  
2 - 4 PARTNERS  
4 - 5 PARTNERS

RESIDENTS ARE ALSO ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE AT THE HOUSE DURING THEIR STAY: DEATH CAFES, POETRY WORKSHOPS, A PLACE TO DIE GUEST STAYS, GARDEN PARTIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.



# *Leave it better than when you arrived*

EACH RESIDENT IS ASKED TO HOST AN OFFERING, CREATE A WORKSHOP, EVENT, PIECE OF INTERACTIVE ART, A ZINE - SOMETHING YOU CAN SHARE WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP THE IDEA FULLY BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, AND THEN ASP WILL HELP WITH REGISTRATION. THIS IS PART OF THE RECIPROCITY OF THE RESIDENCY. YOUR OFFERING TO COMMUNITY SHOULD REQUIRE NO ASSISTANCE FROM THE ASP CREW FOR YOU TO HOST.



# *Accessibility Information*

## **MOBILITY**

ASPHODEL HOUSE IS NOT YET ACCESSIBLE TO WHEELCHAIR USERS. THERE ARE 7 STEPS UP TO THE FRONT PORCH AND A SMALL STEP OVER THE FRONT DOOR THRESHOLD. WHILE WE DO HAVE A RAMP FOR THE FRONT PORCH, THE BATHROOM IS NOT YET ACCESSIBLE. ONCE IN THE HOME, THERE IS A LARGE FRONT ROOM. THE WIDTH OF THE HALLWAYS WILL ACCOMMODATE A WIDE WALKER, STRETCHER, OR COT. THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR THE TWO ROOMS ON THE LOWER LEVEL. THE UPSTAIRS AND BASEMENT ARE BOTH ACCESSIBLE FROM GROUND LEVEL BY TRAVERSING 18 STAIRS.

THERE IS A SMALL RAMP IN THE BACKYARD. IT IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH FOR A WHEELCHAIR BUT ALLOWS FOR ACCESS WITHOUT STAIRS TO THE BACKYARD. TO ACCESS TO THE DECK FROM OUTSIDE, THERE ARE 6 STAIRS THAT LEAD UP FROM THE GROUND .

**SEATING:** COUCHES, SOFT-BACKED CHAIRS, HARD-BACKED CHAIRS, STOOLS, BALL CHAIRS, STOOLS, AND FLOOR PILLOWS

**FRAGRANCES:** HERBS, NATURAL OILS, AND OCCASIONAL NATURAL INCENSE ARE USED IN THE HOME. NO ARTIFICIAL SCENTS ARE USED IN THE HOUSE. THERE ARE SOME TIMES THAT WE USE HARSH CLEANING CHEMICALS FOR MEDICAL REASONS.



# *2026 Residency Application Process*



AFTER COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION, YOU WILL RECEIVE  
AUTOMATIC CONFIRMATION. THE REST OF THE PROCESS IS OUTLINED BELOW.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

**JUNE 21**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

**JULY 21**

**APPLICATION REVIEWS**

**JULY 21 - SEPTEMBER 21**

**FIRST ROUND APPLICANTS NOTIFIED**

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED**

**SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 21**

**FINAL RESIDENTS ANNOUNCED**

**NOVEMBER 21**







# *Community Partners*

## **END OF LIFE WASHINGTON**

Residents can learn about Medical Aid in Dying in Washington state. Some will shadow experienced volunteers for client meetings, education, and ingestion.

## **PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL**

Residents can visit Washington's oldest co-op Funeral Home, meet funeral directors, the educational lead, and/or the executive director, and see how the co-op funeral home operates.

## **RIVER CROSSING GREEN BURIAL**

Residents can visit a natural burial cemetery on Cowlitz territory in Washington. Learn about the set-up and permitting process.

## **RETURN HOME**

Residents can tour one of Washington's most community-oriented Natural Organic Reduction facilities and meet the crew.

## **WILDFLOWER FUNERAL CONCEPTS**

Residents can visit this brilliant funeral home and body-care facility in Bellingham, WA. Brian Flowers has been a Funeral Director and Celebrant in WA state for 15 years.

## **VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER**

Residents can visit and meet with members of the palliative care team that works with Medical Aid in Dying and see how end-of-life care happens in a hospital setting.



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## **BAILEY BOUSHAY**

Residents can visit WA's first care facility for men with HIV and AIDs in the 1980s. Now serving all people with all terminal illnesses, BB House cares for some of Seattle's most vulnerable.

## **EDEN HOSPICE**

Residents can visit with some of the staff of Washington's most supportive hospice.

## **GEN PRIDE**

Residents can visit a new thriving LGBTQIA elder-care living complex located in Downtown Seattle.

## **CODA**

Residents can meet with one of Washington's busiest body transport companies with a heart.

## **RESTING WATERS**

Residents can spend time with the staff of Resting Waters, Washington's first pet funeral home and aquamation facility. Learn about and participate in the process of cremation.

## **LADYBUG HOUSE**

Residents can meet with their ED and learn about their process of actualization for creating a space for care for dying children.

## **SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE**

Residents can meet with Queer-friendly, shame-averse folks who provide pastoral care in Seattle.