



## Tyree Scott

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY CENTER

Developed by two private non-profit organizations, this development provides an under-invested lower income neighborhood with welcome improvements: a community center-settlement house providing culturally-appropriate services to refugee and immigrant women and children, and 21 units of housing affordable to families below 50% and 30% of area median income.

Four buildings of townhouses over flats are organized around two secured courtyards. These buildings are subdued in color, framing the entry to the site and the view up to the colorful civic/community building at the top of a rise in the land. The housing includes units for disabled persons, as well as transitional units for formerly homeless families.

The community building is a joyful celebration of the exuberantly colorful attire worn by the immigrant women served by the program. The windows are appointed with planter boxes for the staff and clients to decorate, a shared custom from their homelands. There are plantings both native to the homelands of the families served and appropriate to the local climate. On the entry columns, the architects painted a decorative motif: flowers, tilting into the wind and rain, symbolize the struggle of the immigrant women and children in their new land. The building includes classrooms for English-as-a-second-language instruction, a computer room, childcare facilities, offices, conference rooms, and interview/counseling rooms.

#### PROJECT DATA

<b>Client:</b>	Low Income Housing Institute
<b>Location:</b>	Seattle, WA
<b>Completion:</b>	2003
<b>Units:</b>	21 units
<b>Amenities:</b>	Support services, community center
<b>Project Area:</b>	60,000 sf
<b>Cost:</b>	\$2 million

