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MACLT & City of Madison Celebrate World CLT Day

Last month, MACLT joined Community Land Trusts around the world in celebrating World Community Land Trust Day, recognizing the impact CLTs have in creating permanently affordable housing and strengthening communities. To mark the occasion, MACLT and the City of Madison celebrated our ongoing partnership and shared commitment to expanding permanently affordable homeownership opportunities through the Community Land Trust model.

As part of this partnership, the City of Madison is supporting the creation of 24 new permanently affordable homes in the coming year — including 12 homes in the Owl Creek neighborhood in southeast Madison and 12 homes at the Voit Farm property off Milwaukee Street. This investment builds on a partnership that added seven new homes to MACLT in the last year and reflects a continued commitment to expanding equitable access to homeownership and strengthening long-term housing affordability in Madison.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway highlighted the importance of this work, sharing: *“Community Land Trusts are a critical component of our strategy to provide first-time homebuyer opportunities in Madison. Our partnership with MACLT allows them to grow their portfolio of permanently affordable homes, which provide opportunities for families and stability for neighborhoods.”*

MACLT Executive Director Mason Cavell reflected on the impact of the partnership, stating: *“Our expanding partnership is a leading example of the city embracing innovative tools and making smart investments to ensure access to affordable homeownership in an increasingly challenging market.”*

As MACLT celebrates 35 years of impact this year, we’re proud that more than 130 families have accessed permanently affordable homeownership through our shared equity model. Thank you to our homeowners, partners, supporters, and community members for helping make this work possible.



Pictured: A collage of photos featuring MACLT and the City of Madison celebrating several groundbreaking events throughout the past year.

MACLT Homeowner Spotlight



Meet MACLT Homeowner, Shaya!

Boozhoo! I am a member of the Marten Falls Band of Ojibwe in Ontario, Canada. For the past 11 years, I have been both a MACLT homeowner and a member of the Board of Directors, where I have served as Treasurer for several years. I deeply value the MACLT mission and take pride in educating others on the land trust model, knowing my own home will remain affordable for 98 years.

My journey as an artist began with learning to bead as a young child. This practice deepened significantly when I started creating dance regalia for my children, driven by a desire to provide them with every opportunity to learn, share, and practice their Ojibwe heritage. Today, my work has expanded to include block prints, black ash and cedar basketry, and cedar weaving. I focus primarily on functional pieces—such as moccasins, medicine bags, and regalia—with the hope that they will be used and cherished by their owners today and passed down to future generations.

Central to my practice is a commitment to using sustainably sourced natural materials. I utilize moose hide purchased from Canadian suppliers who reclaim hides from food hunters, and I incorporate furs and pelts gifted as scraps from a local trapper. This past summer, I furthered this connection to the land by learning to harvest and process cedar bark. I view my work as a form of resilience and resistance. By learning traditional skills from other Native American artists and studying techniques found in historical artifacts, I am helping to continue knowledge that has survived for centuries. My art incorporates the patterns and techniques preserved by generations of artisans before me. Through hide tanning, black ash basketry, cedar weaving, and block printing inspired by nature, I continue the vital work of preserving and celebrating our Ojibwe history and culture through art.

I will have some art on display at the Textile Art Center of Madison in the Home Grown Exhibit which will be on display from June 17, 2026 to August 8, 2026. Home Grown will be celebrated with an opening reception on Friday, June 26 from 5:30-7:30pm.

You can also view some of my art on my Instagram [@shayaschr](https://www.instagram.com/shayaschr).



Pictured: pieces of Shaya's artwork. To view more pieces of Shaya's art, visit her on Instagram [@shayaschr](https://www.instagram.com/shayaschr).

Celebrate National Homeownership Month at the June Homeownership Fair!

Whether you're exploring the idea of buying your first home or are already a homeowner, join us on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 8:30 AM–2:00 PM at The Hub (2352 S. Park St., Madison) for a free community Homeownership Fair designed to support you at every stage of the homeownership journey.

Connect with lenders, realtors, housing counselors, home inspectors, and community organizations while participating in expert-led workshops on:

- Homebuying 101
- Down payment assistance opportunities in Dane County
- Credit building and budgeting strategies
- Community resources for homeowners

Attendees will also have the opportunity to earn a Homebuyer Certificate, potentially unlocking access to down payment assistance programs and additional homeownership resources. Current homeowners can learn more about available support for home repairs, housing stability, and mortgage assistance.

Lunch will be provided, and everyone is welcome! Learn more and register at ulgm.org/HomeownershipFair

Homeownership Month

HOMEOWNERSHIP

FAIR

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LEARN. CONNECT. EMPOWER



HOMEBUYING
101

Step-by-step guidance for first-time homebuyers.



DOWNPAYMENT
ASSISTANCE

Learn about payment and closing cost assistance programs in Dane County.



CREDIT AND
BUDGETING TIPS

Learn how to build strong credit & manage your money.



MEET THE
EXPERTS

Connect with lenders, realtors, counselors, home inspectors, and community partners.



COMMUNITY
RESOURCES

Discover local programs designed to help you achieve your goals.



SATURDAY
JUNE 13TH, 2026
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM



THE HUB
2352 S. PARK ST.
MADISON, WI. 53713

Everyone is welcome!

- ✓ FREE to attend
- ✓ Lunch served
- ✓ Workshops & Resource Fair

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We'll see you there!

Register Here for the Homeownership

Do you qualify for an MACLT home? Check out the new income limits for 2026 below!

Do you qualify for an affordable MACLT home? Check the chart below and submit a [Pre-Application!](#)

MACLT serves families at or below the income limits in this table below, and these numbers go up every year. Look for your household size and see if your household's total income is no greater than the limit listed. If so, we encourage you to fill out our Pre-Application today, which will make you the first to know about MACLT homes for sale!

Pre-Application: <https://maclt.org/pre-application/>

Do you qualify for an MACLT affordable home?

Look for your household size and see if your household's total income is below the limits listed in the chart. If so, submit a Pre-Application today!

2026 Maximum household gross (before taxes) income limit (80% Dane County Median):

FY 2026 Income Limit Category	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80% Income Limits	74,800	85,450	96,150	106,800	115,350	123,900	132,450	141,000

MACLT Homes for Sale

Turn Your Property into a Legacy

If you're thinking about a way to make a meaningful impact that lasts beyond your lifetime, consider including Madison Area Community Land Trust in your estate plans. You can also help keep homes

Learn more about our Pay It Forward program visit: <https://maclt.org/donate-archive/donate-property/>

**Turn Your Property
Into a Legacy:**
*Support Affordable
Housing with a
Bargain Sale*



Learn how selling your
property below market
value can benefit both you
and our community!



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Articles Worth Reading

[Homes in Wisconsin's largest metros among least affordable in Midwest, analysis finds - WPR](#)

[How CLTs are Powering Co-op Growth in Canada — Shelterforce](#)

[Social Housing, Reconsidered - Harvard Design Magazine](#)

Learn more about MACLT Volunteer Opportunities

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