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My path to purpose

The world is ripe for a new perspective on 'doing business'





2020 + desire for why professional activism



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planet and investors





Using business as a force for good





Shifting the behavior, structure and culture of

Ensuring that the actions of a company benefit customers, employees, suppliers, communities, the

Transforming the economic system into a more









Doing good and making money are not mutually exclusive

How can architecture address social challenges and make money?



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housing



healthcare

multi-family affordable needs based clinical medicine mental health addiction



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education

boutique hotels tribal gaming cultural centers

fire stations evac. towers 911 call centers

food banks early childhood charter schools community centers libraries STEM

We select our clients and projects with intention!

community

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MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMEN FACILITY (MAT) - COMMON PERCEPTION



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that nearly 75% of drug overdose deaths in 2020 involved opioids.



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MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMEN FACILITY (MAT) - NEW REALITY



JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM HEALING CLINIC - MAT FACILITY WITH RECOVERY ECOSYSTEM INCLUDING PRIMARY CARE, COUNCELING AND SOCIAL SERVICES



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The recovery ecosystem model was created to address the opioid epidemic and focuses on providing overlapping resources and support for multiple facets of recovery.

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Senior adults have become one of the fastest growing age segments in our society. More than 810,000 Americans currently reside in assisted living communities. (- A Place for Mom, 2022)

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SENIOR CARE- NEW REALITY



THE MUSTARD SEED VILLAGE - ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY ON THE KEY PENINSULA

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Access to family, social activities, and autonomy are fundamental factors in quality of life for aging populations. Design can improve quality of life and metal health through opportunities for personalization, privacy, access to nature and natural daylight.



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FOOD BANK - COMMON PERCEPTION





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Food banks have become the primary long-term solution for addressing food insecurity and have been strongly associated with poor mental and physical health.

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FOOD BANKS - NEW REALITY



SOUTH KITSAP HELPLINE - NON-PROFIT FOOD BANK SERVING 9,000+ HOUSHOLDS PER YEAR

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Food banks remain the first line of defense in fighting food insecurity but new approaches include choice models for food selection, on-site programming and the integration of community resources.



Take-aways

Find the place where your business and purpose overlap Purpose and profit are not mutually exclusive Use business as a force for good





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