

Gates Foundation gives \$1M for homeless center

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has given a \$1 million challenge grant to the nonprofit Family Services to create a community center for the homeless on Rainier Avenue South in Seattle.

The Rotary Club of Seattle is raising \$4 million for the center, which will be called the Rotary Support Center for Families.

The building, which will house administrative and programming space, will be between 30,000 and 40,000 square feet and will open in June 2009.

"The Gates Foundation is committed to improving the lives of low-income families and this endorsement of Family Services is reflective of our common goals," said Ruthann Howell, CEO and president of Family Services, in a statement.