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Spaceworks makes Tacoma culturally vibrant and economically stronger through training and support for artists and creative entrepreneurs.

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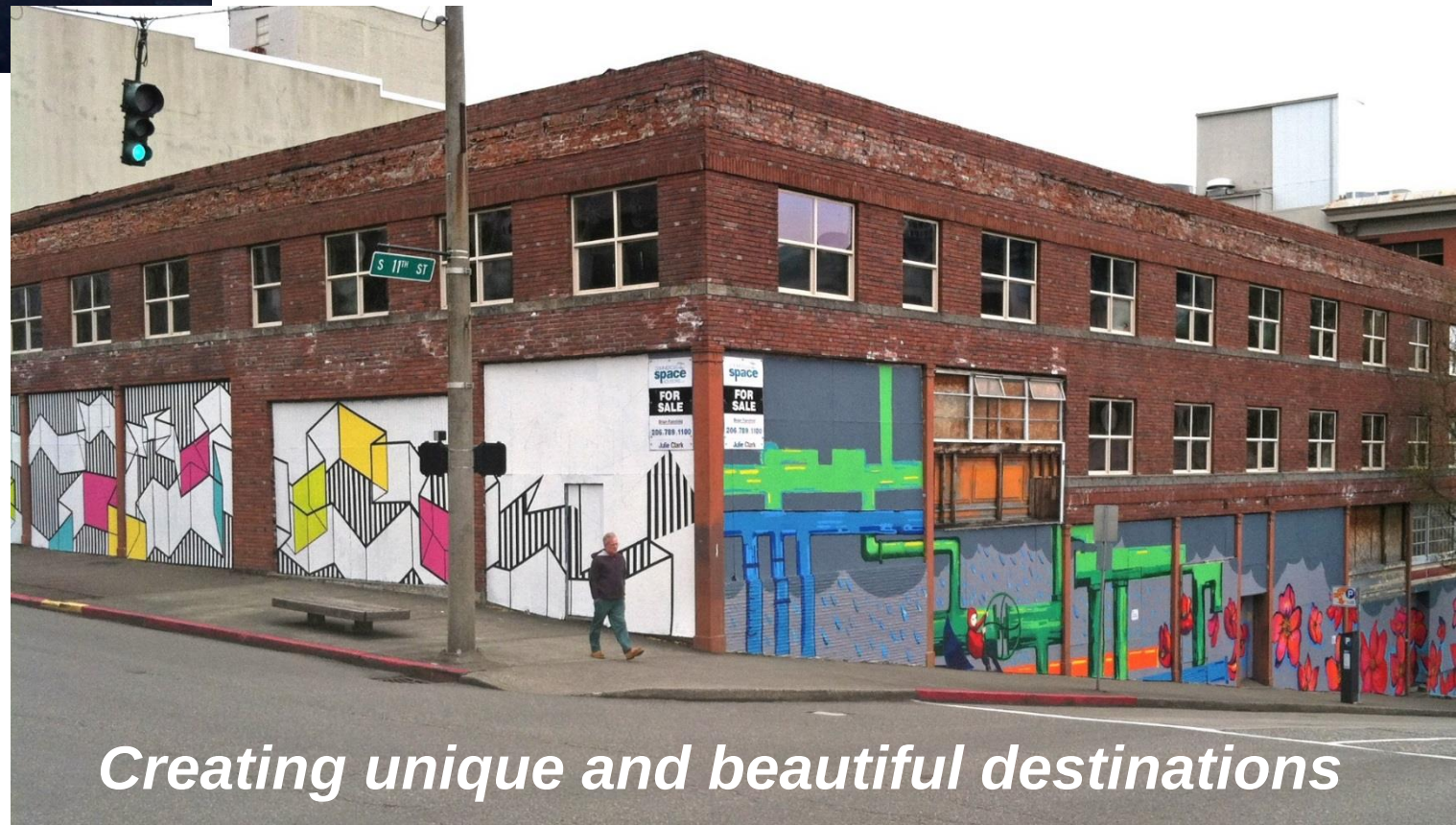

Creating unique and beautiful destinations

Transforming neighborhoods

5 YEARS OF spaceworks tacoma

Our first 5 years!

Since its launch in 2010, Spaceworks has supported over 250 creative projects in Tacoma, activated over 50,000 square feet of vacant space, provided hundreds of hours of technical assistance and training, thousands of hours of activation, and brought over 500 events to the community, which has brought Tacoma media attention over 225 times.

Spaceworks is a unique public-private partnership of the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber. We make space, entrepreneurial training, and technical assistance available to creatives who are transforming Tacoma into an economically stronger and more culturally vibrant city.

We collaborate with property owners and creatives to activate space in several ways:

CREATIVE ENTERPRISE

Businesses (for-profit and non-profit) looking to develop a long-term business model and launch it in Tacoma

ARTSCAPES

Site-specific art installations, murals, and multi-media exhibits

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Short-term temporary projects, including pop-up shops & exhibitions, artist & performance residencies, innovative events, and beyond

125 ARTSCAPES

80 CREATIVE ENTERPRISES

48 SPECIAL PROJECTS

7 SPACEWORKS NEIGHBORHOODS: Downtown, Stadium, UWT, 6th Ave, Ruston, Nalley Valley, Hilltop

43 ACTIVATED PROPERTIES

Tier I Training Program
Fall 2013
18 businesses in cohort
Six 3 hr sessions
324 person hours of training

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Tier I Training Program
2016
12 businesses per cohort
2 cohorts per year
12: 3 hr sessions
864 person hours of training

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Tier I Training Program
2016
24 businesses
7 hours of coaching per business
168 person hours of coaching

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Tier III Alumni Program

2016

7 businesses in pilot cohort

140 person hours of coaching

$500 microgrant per business

JPMorgan Chase Foundation

South Sound Together

A good place to work. A GREAT place to live.

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Spun

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The Arts & Crafts Press

2515B South Tacoma Way

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Hilltop

2 yrs

1 yr

TACOMA TOOL LIBRARY

2 yrs

Hilltop

5 yrs
N. Dybevik Piano & Co.

Write@253
4.5 yrs

FABITAT
a space for creativity.
Available
253 922 3900
CBRE
5 yrs
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Sound Concrete Countertops – 2534 Tacoma Ave. S

2 yrs

3 yrs

1 yr

Crimson Wraps and Graphics

Do The Extraordinary

South Tacoma

& Lincoln Districts

Tacoma + U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT + JPMorgan Chase Foundation

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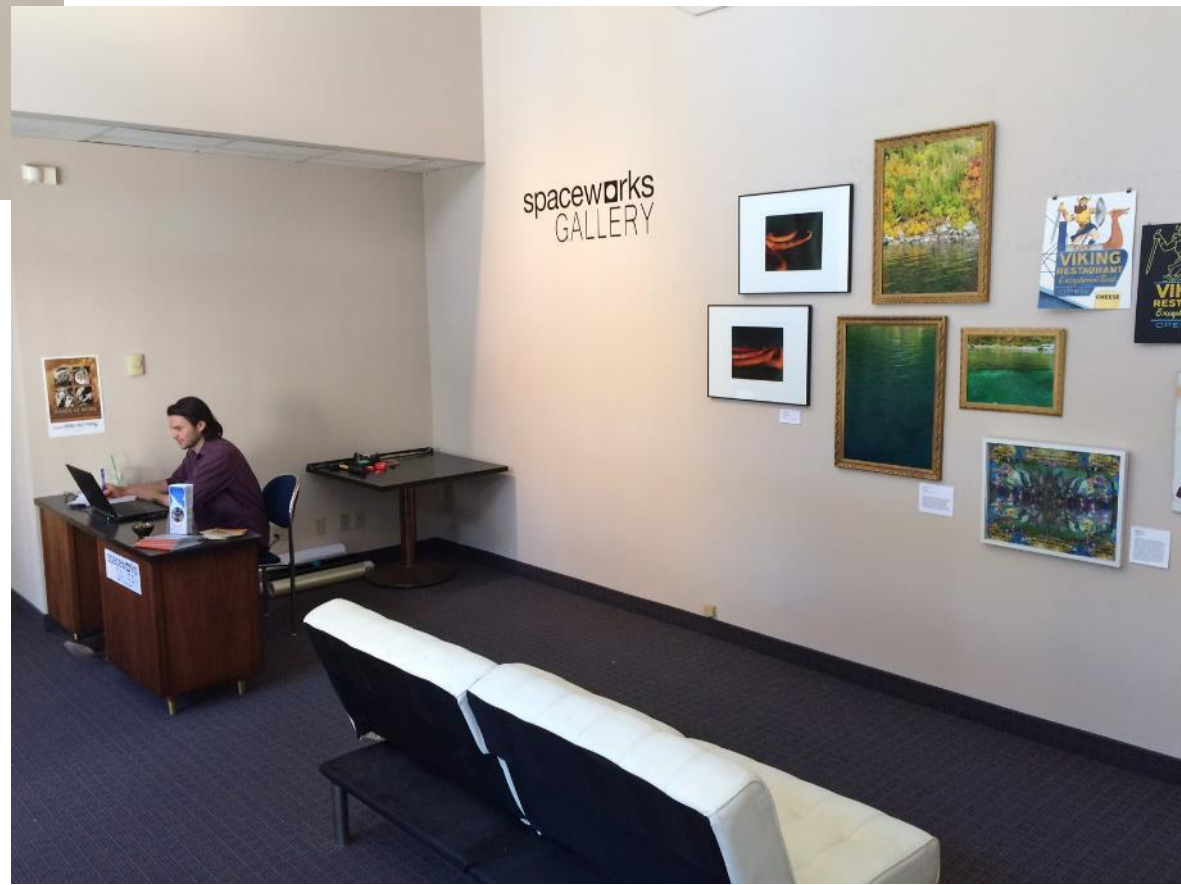
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Thank you!

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Tacoma-Pierce County CHAMBER Business in Motion