Community Building
Building Community
CHUC's story begins with Grace Kim & Mike Mariano. As architects they studied cohousing in Denmark, wrote a book on Designing the Cohousing Common House, and designed cohousing in Portland. Together they have held a vision of urban cohousing for many years and purchased the property on Capitol Hill in 2008, hoping to attract others who shared their vision and values.
2010 - The work begins

2011 - Workshops clarify vision
As close friends of Grace & Mike, Paula & Gordon were on board from the beginning. We did a lot of facilitated workshops with Bill Aal and others, to help set our vision and values, how we wanted to use our common spaces, how to communicate well, and deal with conflicts.
2012 - Community Building

Angeline & Stephan, Shinae & Joel, Gaye & Charles all participated for a while until it didn't work for them. Linda & Rita attended a couple of meetings and became investors. Luke & Paulina joined the community the end of 2012 as we continued monthly business meetings and potlucks and periodic outreach events.
2013 - We're official!

After a long year of lawyers, we are finally signed and legal with an OA. CHUC LLC is officially born on July 4, 2013.
Bambi & Michael and their children joined us in 2013 followed shortly thereafter by Audrey who brought us her years of experience living in Winslow Cohousing. Jeff, Kellie & Zoe participated through two retreats. Community building continued with annual facilitated retreats, monthly meetings, and frequent social events.
In July 2015 we reached full capacity when Bennie & Julie joined CHUC.
2016 Rooftop Farm & Mosaic
Not the end...
just the beginning of community life...