Thanks to You, Women Enjoy Comfort and Support at EGH on Sundays

As in the spiritual world, Sunday is a day of peacefulness and rest, which is what I have found at Elizabeth Gregory Home.

Absolutely fabulous! I got clean, rested, had some food and I feel restored! Pleasant and peaceful! Thank you!

Having a place to come in out of the rain on Sunday’s is so important to me!

Love it! Need it, there are so few other places to go for respite in Seattle for homeless women. Keep it going!

Learnin’ to Fly, (L - R Lou, Ron, Susan and Helene), shared Neil Diamond and other nostalgic song hits with women on Sunday, March 31st.

EGH staff are extremely courteous and helpful. It’s so nice to have a good place to come on Sunday for good food, shower, company and something else you might need if they have it!
Executive Director’s Update

Over the past several months, Elizabeth Gregory Home has experienced changes on multiple levels. The following are highlights.

Staff: With growing numbers and needs of homeless and at-risk women in our community, the demand for growth in EGH offerings has never been greater. When I started as the full-time director in April of 2012, there were two staff members with feet on the ground: me and Michele Martin, who served as our Day Center Coordinator at that time (and now as our Operations Manager.) That year, EGH provided services to 448 women for a total of just over 6000 visits.

Fast-forward to now. In 2018, we served 652 women for a total of 11,635 visits. Mirroring this growth, our staff has grown from two to five full-time employees.

Volunteers: EGH volunteers provided well over 1500 hours of service last year, and are critical to operations ranging from daily food provision to onsite dental care. Whether recruiting from the talented pool of clients in our midst or reaching out to volunteers in the community, we are committed to demonstrating our love and appreciation for each of their contributions that help make EGH a safe and welcoming refuge.

Board: With the recent addition of several new colleagues, we now have fifteen members – the most in our history. Their policy and fiduciary oversight continues to shape and sustain the foundation for our organization’s stability and growth.

Over the Rainbow Event: You can view photos of our annual fundraising dinner in this newsletter or on our website. By all measures, it was the most successful in our history: nearly 400 in attendance and we exceeded our goal by raising over $200,000! Feedback from our follow-up survey confirmed what we suspected: that the most impactful moments of the evening were the stories from our three participant presenters, Helen, Carolyn and Dylan.

Program: On January 27th, EGH achieved its goal of offering programs and services on Sundays. The gratitude expressed by those women who have taken advantage of this additional day fuels our commitment to expand to seven days in the future.

As you read this, know that I appreciate your interest in learning more about Elizabeth Gregory Home. As a staff, we dedicate each day towards supporting each woman as she strives to attain the four H’s: health, heart, hope and home.

Kindest regards,

Ruth Herold
Executive Director

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EGH’s 13th Annual Spring Benefit Dinner

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year’s annual fundraising dinner such a huge success. We expanded into our new venue at the University of Washington’s Husky Union Building (HUB) and celebrated the growth and accomplishments of the past year. It was also a wonderful opportunity to catch up with new and past supporters alike.

We also heard stories from three strong women who are working to overcome homelessness. Carolyn, Helen, and Dylan shared what it’s like to be homeless and how EGH has helped them turn their lives around.

News Flash! We just learned that by the end of April, Carolyn is moving into a one-bedroom senior housing apartment and Dylan will begin a job as a full-time Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). We are indeed celebrating with both of them!

GiveBIG Returns on May 8th!
When we all give together, we GiveBIG.

Elizabeth Gregory Home will participate in our region’s most significant giving day on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Thanks to several generous donors, we have a $7,000 match pool that we will leverage to meet our goal of raising $20,000!

Curious how you can participate? Please invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family—near and far—to make an online donation to EGH between 12AM and midnight on May 8th! For more information, contact Elizabeth Stevenson by phone at (206) 729-0262, ext. 1006 or via email: estevenson@eghseattle.org

www.givebig2019.org/elizabeth-gregory-home
Thanks to you, we are able to provide hygiene and other essential items for women who rely on EGH’s Day Center. Our top needs this quarter are:

- **Body wash**
- **Single and double flat sheets**
- **Windbreakers and light jackets**
- **Backpacks and small rolling suitcases**

*Thank You!*

**Most Needed Items**

When reviewing your estate plans, please consider making a provision in your will for Elizabeth Gregory Home. **Thank you!**

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Stevenson (206) 729-0262 ext. 1006 or estevenson@eghseattle.org.

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