Jano’s Story

Jano was self-employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and living in an apartment on Capitol Hill. “I was having a difficult time financially,” said Jano. “I had been late with rent a couple of times before, but I always paid the late fees.”

“They evicted me anyway and I felt helpless to do anything about it,” said Jano. “My life was immediately thrown into chaos. I slept in my car for a while, I stayed with friends and relatives sleeping on the floor or a fold out couch until I eventually ended up in a shelter. That’s where I heard about Elizabeth Gregory Home (EGH).

“From the start, I really liked that I could come in and wash my clothes, take a shower and eat a good breakfast and lunch. There’s a great support team at EGH and the Program Manager helped me a lot.” Jano also relied on bus tickets for transportation to job interviews and housing appointments.

When a space opened at the EGH Transitional House, Jano applied and was accepted. “The EGH Transitional House was homey and comfortable. With stability, I was able to get employed again.”

After living at the EGH Transitional House for several months, Jano learned she won the housing lottery in Pierce County, meaning that she would receive a voucher to help subsidize her rent. “I was on the list for a year and I’m happy to now have stable housing,” said Jano. “My new home is in University Place. I have a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment in a large complex. I also have stable work with a home health care service. And to add to these blessings, I just got engaged to be married! We plan on getting married next summer.

“I am an entrepreneur at heart and I plan to go back to school to get a degree in business management so I can start my own business,” said Jano. “I have always dreamed of having a hair and beauty salon. Thanks to EGH I’m back on track to realize my dream.”

Executive Director’s Reflections

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, EGH daily operations, future planning, and timelines have shifted dramatically. Our Day Center solely focuses on meeting the essential needs of 30 – 60 women each day, offering meals, food-to-go, shelter, showers, laundry, essential clothing, computer and phone access, and personal hygiene products.

Our hardworking, amazing staff members have implemented strict protocols in alignment with public health recommendations, including hand/surface sanitation, monitoring temperatures/symptoms, and communicating daily with either City, County, or medical provider. To minimize exposure, volunteers no longer come onsite.

Our capital project remains on hold until the pandemic limitations are lifted, largely because we have needed to utilize the future project’s space to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Despite the unknown variables that impact us on a daily basis, we remain committed to achieving our mission of providing a safe, welcoming and compassionate refuge for homeless women who are struggling with additional fear and anxiety caused by the pandemic.

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We could not do the vital work we do without the kind and faithful support of our community of donors, whether their contributions are monetary, time, talent or in-kind offerings. Here are but a few highlights of extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity:

The Dinner That Wasn’t

Although the spring dinner fundraiser was cancelled, we came within $10,000 of reaching our goal of $250,000, thanks to the groundswell of support from our beloved donors. I want to give a special shout-out to our sponsors, who each graciously honored their gifts despite the cancellation. These include:

Nourishment

Women thank us daily for the nutritious (and delicious!) meals. To help out our hardworking, albeit stretched, staff, we have had donations ranging from pizza or sandwich delivery to full catered meals. Heart and tummy-warming!

Supplies

Additional supplies were offered to address virus-specific needs. Our community stepped up by providing homemade masks, disposable cups/plates/cutlery, single packet condiments, hand sanitizer, gloves, thermometers, hygiene products, crossword puzzles—these are but a sampling of provisions.

Words of Encouragement

The power of kind words made many challenging moments bearable. To all who sent cards, texts, emails, and letters—know that all were shared with staff, and all were dearly appreciated.

We could not do the vital work we do without your kind and faithful support. From my heart, I am deeply grateful.

Ruth Herold
Executive Director

Most Needed Items

Due to current circumstances, we are not accepting any clothing donations. However, if you are looking to support EGH during this time, we are in need of the following items:

- Disposable hot cups
- Disposable cutlery
- Disposable plates
- Disposable bowls
- Shelf-stable snacks
- Sugar packets
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Full-sized shampoo
- Full-sized conditioner
- Full-sized body wash

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