A NEW CHAPTER

As many of you know, long-time EGH Executive Director Ruth Herold joined her husband in retirement in December. After a thoughtful search process, I'm thrilled to share that the Board of Directors has hired a new Executive Director – Ally Baehr - who joined EGH on March 21, 2022.

Ally comes to us with decades of experience in the nonprofit sector, most recently as Chief Operating Officer at Make Way for Books, a nonprofit promoting literacy, where she was instrumental in scaling the organization over eight years. She also served as the Director of Family Support at United Way. Ally brings a passion for EGH's mission and a breadth of skills in management, development, finance, HR, programs, and community engagement. She will be a valued leader and partner.

While we conducted this search, EGH Development Officer Mary Duncan stepped up to serve as EGH's Acting Executive Director, enabling continuity and coverage during this transition. Our deep thanks to Mary and to the entire EGH management team for collaborating so effectively to manage this agency and advance EGH's work over the past 3 months.

Ally joins as our new Executive Director at an exciting time as we are in the final stages of a Day Center renovation that will grow our capacity to serve more women and add programming. All of us at EGH are delighted to welcome her aboard!

Jean Edelhertz, Board Chair

Dear Friends,

It has truly been an honor to go through what has been a very thoughtful and exciting process of being selected as the next Executive Director of Elizabeth Gregory Home. It is clear that I have found a very special place to be a part of. So far, I've experienced a very engaged, experienced, diverse, and kind Board of Directors who truly care about the future of EGH. I've felt the passion, caring, empathy, and kindness that our team exudes for the women we serve and the work we do to create a beautiful, inviting, and welcoming space. And I'm looking forward to getting to know you, our donors, supporters, volunteers, and friends, who make all of this work possible through your generous gifts of time, treasure and connection. Thank you for all you do!

Here's a little bit about me: My husband Craig and I moved here from Tucson, Arizona last year to pursue new opportunities and a cooler, shorter summer. Our 19-year-old daughter Rylee recently moved to New York City to pursue her dreams. We are avid hikers, campers, explorers, and volunteers. My career and volunteer experiences have largely been working with and for non-profit organizations serving youth, at-risk families, educators, and vulnerable adults.

I'm so eager to lead our team into the future and I'm incredibly grateful to have you all by my side for this next chapter in the EGH story.

With gratitude,

Ally Baehr, Executive Director
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Growing up in poverty and experiencing abuse, Dorothy lived with untreated mental illness for decades. She became homeless in Seattle and after hearing about Elizabeth Gregory Home from other clients, she came to the EGH Day Center. When she first arrived, she would come in for a meal, but sat alone and remained isolated.

Helene McOwen, EGH’s Day Center Manager approached Dorothy and learned that Dorothy had no identification, no birth certificate, no social security card – nothing that Dorothy needed to identify herself in order to obtain benefits.

“We had nothing that said that Dorothy is a person. This is who she is. It can be an incredible challenge for people when they can’t prove their identity and when they don’t have any of these documents.”

Helene connected Dorothy to mental health services and they then worked together for months, tracking down a birth certificate in Illinois; school transcripts in Texas and eventually obtaining a social security card and an official Washington State ID for Dorothy. During these months of treatment and working with Helene, Dorothy’s mental health improved and she became more motivated and confident, “I didn’t want to be the weak link.”

This past fall, when EGH received Emergency Housing Vouchers for distribution, Dorothy was one of our first calls. The housing application required an ID as well as a social security card. “It was a real culmination of all the things that we had been collecting over a year and a half, and each little piece that we had gotten, that when it finally came to a housing opportunity, Dorothy had everything she needed. It wouldn’t have been possible without those documents.”

Now Dorothy is in a safe apartment of her own, just down the street from EGH. She continues to receive mental health services and still visits EGH for connection and community.

SAVE THE DATES: MAY 3 & 4, 2022

Eighth Gregory Home is striving to make GiveBig 2022 our most successful year ever and we hope you can join us by making a gift during our community’s biggest giving days of the year! Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information in the upcoming days. You can find more information about how to participate on our website: www.eghseattle.org

NEEDS LIST
- Deodorant
- New Bras & Underwear
- Tennis Shoes/Boots (new or gently used)
- Reading Glasses (all strengths)
- Products for BIPOC hair and skin
- Wigs

Donations may be dropped off at the EGH Day Center Sunday thru Friday 9am-4pm. For more information contact Michelle Wick at MWick@eghseattle.org
Day Center Progress!

Floors, walls, doors - our new Community Room is up and running! With bright, clean lines and better staff access, our clients have enjoyed eating meals in our new, comfortable space. Our next steps include updated furniture, trauma-informed decor, and refreshing our exterior mural which is viewed outside our windows. We are grateful to all who have walked with us and supported us throughout this renovation.

THANK YOU Signs of Seattle for your kind and impactful gift and new installation in our entry area.

With supply-chain delays, our commercial kitchen project continues forward, slowly-but-surely! We are hopeful to begin installing our serving counter, ventilation system, and appliances for use later this summer/early fall.

We Appreciate our Volunteers!

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. From the community volunteers who come in each week to the Day Center, to volunteer drivers, to our Board of Directors and event Ambassadors, as well as student-volunteers from the University of Washington - we appreciate all that you do. Your commitment and dedication are inspiring.

To ALL of our VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for being part of our team!
Evening of Light: A Path Forward a Success!

Many thanks to our wonderful community of givers who gave generously to help women on their path forward!

Shout out to our Evening of Light Ambassadors, our dynamic and passionate volunteers who led the way in spreading the word about our event and EGH's mission.

We are incredibly grateful to our Sponsors who made this event possible.

The attorneys and staff of Keller Rohrback are honored to sponsor Elizabeth Gregory Home. We support the mission of providing homeless and at-risk women with respect, dignity and compassion.

Quality Food Centers (QFC) awarded a grant to Elizabeth Gregory Home to support their work providing healthy and fresh food for local women who experience homelessness. “At QFC, our Purpose is to Feed the Human Spirit. We appreciate and support the great work being done by Elizabeth Gregory Home to feed people,” said Tiffany Sanders, QFC Corporate Affairs Manager. “We give thanks to EGH for changing lives and creating hope where it is needed most.”

Watch a recording of our program at www.eghseattle.org/evening-of-light