Imagine a world where all women who are unhoused or at-risk have a safe place where they get a warm welcome, enjoy a home-cooked meal, take a shower, do laundry, use computers, find community, and meet with caring staff who listen to their goals, connect them to resources, and support them on their path forward.

At Elizabeth Gregory Home, this is our purpose. In 2021, that purpose was realized for hundreds of women who came to our drop-in Day Center or took up residence in our Transitional House.

2021 was a year of progress, celebration, and preparation. **Progress** as construction started on Day Center renovations while staff served clients continuously and safely through the pandemic. **Celebration** as we honored our long-tenured director, Ruth Herold, who retired after a decade of distinguished service. **Preparation** as our remarkable management team stepped up to provide collaborative and capable leadership during the search for a new director.

We predict 2022 will be celebrated as a year of promise and transition. Our new Executive Director, Ally Baehr, is leading the team. A new community room opened in March and a new commercial kitchen will follow (watch for an open house this fall). And we’re looking forward to strategic visioning and planning to assess community needs and define our next initiatives to expand **housing, help, and hope** to women experiencing homelessness and adversity.

We know our future is bright with you by our side. The generosity of the Elizabeth Gregory Home community continues to shine through our donors, volunteers, grantors, and community partners. You give women the gifts of safety, shelter, dignity, hope, warmth, kindness, community, and respect. YOU make that happen and we are tremendously grateful.

Jean Edelhertz
Chair, Board of Directors
2021 A Year of Progress

While the challenges of the pandemic continued in 2021, we were able to stay open, continue our programming, stay safe, and prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 in our Day Center and Transitional House. Elizabeth Gregory Home (EGH) worked closely with King County Public Health to ensure our space was safe and that our clients received accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine and other health precautions. Public Health staff offered COVID-19 vaccines to our clients at the EGH Day Center, they provided free air purifiers for all our spaces, we received free and donated PPE supplies, we heightened our cleaning protocol, and implemented temperature checks and fulltime mask usage. And thankfully, as vaccines became available, we were able to bring back our volunteers!

The pandemic also created a delay in construction of our new commercial kitchen and community/dining room, but work got underway in June 2021. The new dining space opened to clients in the spring of 2022 and the remaining renovations are on track for completion in the fall of 2022. Please watch for details about our Grand Unveiling Open House on October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Client Voices: Why do you come to EGH?

I am free from harassment. It is comfortable, safe, and clean here.

It helps me get some positive time in my day. My case worker and the rest of the EGH staff help me with whatever I may need.

EGH is the quietest place in Seattle to rest.

Facility refresh begins!
Remodeling of the Day Center broke ground in June 2021 after many months' wait due to COVID-19.
Having a roof over her head was not something Renee thought about. She was married and earning a living without assistance – then came her husband’s substance use and she saw stability come crashing down. Renee found herself divorced and homeless. While living in a shelter, Renee was “underemployed” - she worked 40 hours a week, but still couldn't earn enough to pay for housing. Although she had her own cubicle, it was difficult living in a congregate shelter with strangers – especially during the pandemic.

Renee began visiting Elizabeth Gregory Home where she could utilize the showers and laundry, enjoy a warm meal, and work with EGH staff to find better employment. After hours of assistance with online applications, EGH staff helped Renee land a job as a warehouse worker for Amazon. Getting fit and focused, Renee worked hard. In the fall of 2021, EGH received Emergency Housing Vouchers to distribute. These vouchers guaranteed rental assistance and, with EGH’s help, Renee found an apartment she could afford.

"I've never lived on my own. I was kind of nervous about it. I've always lived with my parents, my children, my husband, that type of thing. But I'm liking it. I'm doing pretty good. I stopped sleeping with the light on during the day, so it's wonderful. I like it very much."

Now Renee is employed full-time, works out to keep healthy, and continues to check in with EGH for support.

"I've learned that I don't have to do it on my own and that I can be vulnerable with others. That's a big one - I think it has to do with being homeless - you withdraw, you hold back (at least I have). It wasn't safe."

When asked what advice she’d give to other women experiencing homelessness, Renee shared: "Don't give up. Come to EGH and give them time to get to know you because EGH will get to know you. And it will give you hope to continue to try . . . and trying is a good thing . . . it's hope."
2021 By the Numbers

11 women focused on recovery from their trauma and built community in our **transitional housing**.

15 women moved into **permanent housing** in 2021.

**459 women** were served through EGH’s programs and services in 2021.

With hot breakfasts & lunches, snacks, and food for offsite consumption, EGH served over **1,000 meals per month** in 2021.

Throughout 2021, EGH provided essential services including **showers**, **computer** and **phone access**, **clothing**, **laundry**, **bus tickets** and **mail acceptance**.

**Client Demographics**

Many of our clients are members of communities disproportionately affected by homelessness.

- **7% of our clients** are transgender women
- **52.9% White/Caucasian**
- **3.7% Asian**
- **8% no answer**
- **4.4% Other/Mixed Race**
- **1.7% Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian**
- **21.3% Black/African American**
- **8% American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous**
- **11.3% identify as Hispanic**
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- **Youth 18-24 yrs**
- **26-40 yrs**
- **41-60 yrs**
- **61+ yrs**
- **Unknown**

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After the cancellation of our 2020 fundraising dinner, we were happy to bring together our community of donors in 2021 through our online virtual event, **Building Hope Together**. In addition to hearing inspiring stories from our clients, former Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire shared her perspective on homelessness and why she invests in Elizabeth Gregory Home.

We are so grateful for the support of our corporate and foundation partners, community groups, volunteers, and individual donors that made our 2021 programming year possible.

Thank you from our staff and board team!

**Welcome to 2021 Virtual Gala**

**Building Hope Together**

**Elizabeth Gregory Home**

NOTE: Donor and volunteer names can be found in our online annual report at https://eghseattle.org/about/library/
Volunteers:

From our volunteer Board of Directors to UW student volunteers from the Schools of Social Work and Public Health to our wonderful community partners, we couldn't fulfill EGH's mission without your help. **82 volunteers** worked 3,531 hours for Elizabeth Gregory Home in 2021.

Staff:

Ally Baehr, Executive Director
Michele Martin, Operations Manager
Michelle Wick, Program Manager
Andy Gallegos, Food Services Coordinator
Cynthia Caudillo, Day Center Coordinator
Mary Duncan, Development Officer
Zenashe Ewnetu, Day Center Assistant
Bella Ramirez, Day Center Assistant
Josie Hunt, Day Center Assistant
Kelsie Weir, Day Center Assistant
Dorian McClendon, Day Center Assistant
Marie Jefferson, Maintenance Manager

Executive Director, Ally Baehr
OUR MISSION:
Elizabeth Gregory Home provides a welcoming and respectful refuge where homeless and at-risk women have access to compassionate care.

OUR VALUES:
We build our services on the following values:

- Respect – Honoring individuality
- Inclusion – Accepting and celebrating difference
- Community – Engendering a sense of belonging
- Empathy – Listening with compassion and understanding