

Elizabeth Gregory Home's

# Under the Yellow Umbrella



## Women Find Room in the Inn at EGH

December 2007

With people of many faiths, we celebrate this season of **HOPE, LOVE, PEACE** and

### HOSPITALITY...

We remember the story of Mary and Joseph, who searched for a safe place to give birth to Mary's baby. They were told there was no room at the inn, and they were turned away into the night.

Yet Today There IS Room in the Inn! For 11 women who are now safe from the cold winter, who have found a home with comfort and hospitality, Elizabeth Gregory Home has opened its doors and welcomed them inside. As we enter this joyous season, we can rejoice that 9 women have already graduated from EGH into permanent housing during this past year. They entered EGH from various backgrounds and for various reasons, but they all had one goal in mind-to find a permanent place to call home, and for many women, to be reunited with their family members.

Unlike the stable where Mary and Joseph had to spend the night, EGH offers a comfortable residence for women who are ready to change their

lives. The women receive support from a tremendous staff of good will, and are encouraged by them to undertake responsibility that prepares them for the next stage of their lives. Everyone who is involved and invested in helping the women of EGH can be grateful that we do not have to be like the innkeeper, who had no room in his inn for the hungry and tired who came to his door. Not only do 11 women have a home at EGH, many more have a daytime refuge at our drop-in center where women can come in from the street and rest, get a hot meal, stay warm, do laundry, use computers and be safe.

Thanks to everyone who has supported EGH through their gifts, their volunteer effort, their prayers, and their compassion, more and more women are finding room in the inn and a community where they are welcomed and loved. As we anticipate the New Year, we rejoice that EGH has completed its first full year of operation, and celebrate the gift that EGH is to the women who are looking for room in the inn.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Elizabeth Gregory Home wish you a joyous, warm and peaceful season, filled with hope for the future and compassion for all who look to us for help.

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## Wish List

Toilet paper  
 Paper towels  
 Napkins  
 Bleach  
 Laundry detergent  
 Dishwasher soap  
 Dish soap  
 Bar soap  
 Shampoo  
 Conditioner  
 Razors  
 Toothbrushes  
 Tampons/fem. Pads  
 Tool kit  
 Cleaning supplies  
 DVD player  
 Twin bed/bunk beds  
 Dresser  
 Desk  
 Lamps  
 Kitchen items  
 Bus tickets  
 Postage stamps  
 Computer paper  
 Spiral notebooks  
 3-ring binders  
 Movie passes  
 McDonald's & Jack-in-the-Box coupons  
 Warm socks  
 Gloves sizes S-XL  
 Warm hats  
 Gift cards to Office Depot, Office Max & Staples  
 Gift cards to Safeway & Target  
 Phone cards  
 Suit case/duffel bag

## Under the Yellow Umbrella

### EGH Fall Fundraiser a Fun Success

On November 10, 2007 Elizabeth Gregory Home hosted its first fall fundraiser, "Dreams Come True Under the Yellow Umbrella". The event was a fantasy casino night featuring Las Vegas style mock gaming. When the doors opened at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, guests were greeted by EGH residents who volunteered at the event. Guests were given festive mardi gras beads, a raffle ticket and \$30,000 in script gaming money. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres complimented the party atmosphere which included live music by pianist **Paul Allen**.

Casino games included craps, roulette, red dog and celebrity black jack dealt by our Executive Director **Kimberly Jackson** and Case Manager **Jessica Silye**.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests were able to cash in their script for raffle tickets. Raffle items included games, gift baskets and gift certificates from local restaurants. The event raised several thousand dollars for the important work of EGH. Thank you to all who turned out to support Elizabeth Gregory Home. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

#### A very special thank you to our generous donors:

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*Case Manager  
 Jessica Silye dealing  
 at the celebrity  
 black jack table*



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## Resident Enters Job Corp Thanks to EGH

Jessie Martin Came to Elizabeth Gregory Home in April of 2007. After battling addiction to meth for years, Jessie made a decision that changed her life. She got clean. Before applying to EGH, Jessie made sure she had not used meth for 6 months to show her commitment and desire to get off the streets. Only 3 weeks after moving into EGH, Jessie applied to Job Corps, a vocational training program for young people aged 16-24 where students receive real-world work experience in addition to free tuition, transportation, medical care and a living allowance. Jessie was supposed to hear back within 3 weeks, but there always seemed to be another form to fill out or sign.

Jessie began her own employment preparation training by working at least 40 hours, 7 days a week, sometimes holding 2 jobs at a time. In addition, she gave back to the community by speaking at events, meeting with legislators to advocate for foster and homeless youth, and writing articles for the Mockingbird Times. Finally, on November 12, 2007, Jessie was accepted into Job Corps and was given a start date of December 4th. Unfortunately, because of the flooding, her start date has been postponed until January, but Jessie's hopes remain high. She has shown persistence and patience beyond her years, continuing to strive for her goal to join Job Corps despite facing multiple obstacles. Jessie has been in active recovery for over a year now thanks to EGH. We look forward to hearing about the impact she will have on individuals she meets on her next journey.



Going away party for EGH graduates Ruthie (L) and Jessie (R)





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P.O. Box 45310 Seattle, WA. 98145

## **In-Kind Donations to EGH**

Thank you for your donations of food, clothing and household items to EGH! In order to make sure we don't miss you, donations will now be accepted in the EGH Drop-in Center:

**Monday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday mornings at University Lutheran Church**

Please be sure to leave your name or business card if you drop-off on Sunday mornings so we can thank you!

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