

Elizabeth Gregory Home's

Under the Yellow Umbrella



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EGH Needs Your Support This Winter

The holidays were joyous for the women of Elizabeth Gregory Home because of your generous support. Every resident received several much-needed gifts including warm coats, pots and pans, ironing boards, etc. as well as gift cards to be used for food, haircuts, and clothing. The women celebrated together by cooking an early holiday meal and dining family-style in the apartment units. On Christmas Day, the residents of EGH's transitional housing program prepared a special meal for clients of the EGH drop-in center, which offered the only holiday meal for single women in the University District. A generous volunteer responded to our ad on Craig's List for assistance and purchased a ham, turkey and all the trimmings for the meal. A delicious and festive time was had by all. One woman commented, "This is the first time in years I have celebrated Christmas with someone who cared." Thank you to all who made this the brightest holiday season yet at Elizabeth Gregory Home!

Our transitional housing program welcomed several new residents, and women are accessing the drop-in center more than ever before as they seek warm shelter from the dipping temperatures

outside. With the holidays behind us, your continued support of EGH is still so important to help keep women warm and safe this winter season.

It takes approximately \$25,000 each month to operate the programs of Elizabeth Gregory Home. We continue to write and seek out new grants, present the EGH story at faith communities across Seattle, and hold fundraisers such as our upcoming Barnes and Nobles Book Fair, with details to follow. But our number one means of support continues to be from caring individuals who donate because they believe in the women of EGH.

We know the program works. Women are finding full-time jobs, earning their GED's and vocational certificates, and receiving mental health and domestic violence support. 9 women are in permanent housing. A mother and child are reunited. Lives are changed every day because of your generosity.

We ask for your continued prayers and support as we work to keep women off the streets these next few months. Thank you for making Elizabeth Gregory Home a priority in your giving, and a safe place to be for the women who need us most.

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EGH graduate Jessie (L) and Case Manager Jessica Silye (R) enjoy an afternoon of holiday cookie decorating

Wish List

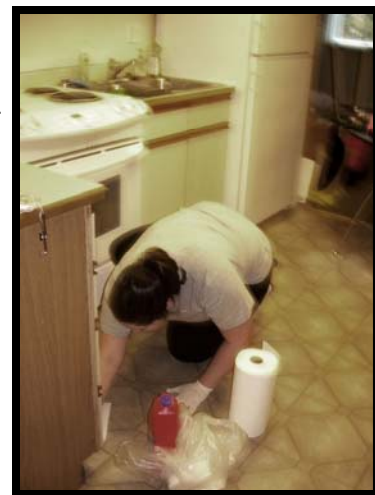
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 Napkins
 Bleach
 Laundry detergent
 Dishwasher soap
 Dish soap
 Bar soap
 Shampoo
 Conditioner
 Razors
 Tampons/fem. Pads
 Cleaning supplies
 DVD player
 Dresser
 Kitchen items
 Bus tickets
 Postage stamps
 Computer paper
 Spiral notebooks
 Movie 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

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UW Students Make MLK Volunteer Day a Success at EGH!

Elizabeth Gregory Home had the pleasure of hosting its second Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 21. At 9:30 AM, students from the University of Washington came to EGH, armed and ready to clean. The students that attended were all part of the Graduate Student Professional and Political Senate at the UW. As the officers and leaders of the graduate student body, EGH was honored to host these great volunteers.

After a quick orientation and introduction, the volunteers went to work. EGH residents cleared their floors and bathrooms of all objects, except large furniture, so the volunteers could do a thorough cleaning of the apartment units. Volunteers shampooed carpets, scrubbed floors, and cleaned the kitchens and bathrooms until they sparkled. Around noon, with the volunteers tired and hungry, lunch was served in the EGH drop-in center. The students then got to work again and were able to clean and shampoo the offices and drop-in center. We would like to thank our volunteers for giving us a deep cleaning to start off the new year!



SAVE THE DATE!

**THIRD ANNUAL FUN(D)RAISER FOR
 UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL
 HOUSING ASSOCIATION
 SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008**

5:30 p.m.

SHORELINE CONFERENCE CENTER

18560 1st Avenue NE

\$35 per person

(\$15 is a tax deductible contribution)

**Part of the proceeds from this event will go
 towards Elizabeth Gregory Home**

Please contact Jamie Lee for more information.

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(Italian party celebrating the home)



Tairrie's Story: Once a Girl, Now a Woman

One of our newest residents has quite an incredible story. Tairrie, only 19 years old, came to Elizabeth Gregory Home in early December after the death of her mother. Prior to EGH, Tairrie moved with her mother 8 times between the ages of 11 and 18, living in cities from Chicago to Las Vegas to Seattle. After her mother passed away, Tairrie stayed with her sister in transitional housing, but was only allowed there for a very limited time. Without any other family to turn to, Tairrie reached out to staff she remembered from nights of being in shelter with her mother, Kimberly Jackson. She turned in her application and was admitted to EGH in 9 days.



During her phone screening, Tairrie described herself as “sweet, competent, and strong.” After watching all she has accomplished in the past month, we could not agree more. Within the first week of residency, Tairrie had gone to DSHS to set up her food stamps; she enrolled in Seattle Public Schools to complete her diploma, and is working at an internship through the YWCA Working Zone. She is currently excelling in school and is writing a piece for her internship where she discusses the role that her past has played in her life. The work is called, “Once a Girl, Now a Woman.” Tairrie has not let her previous circumstances hold her back. In fact, she has allowed her history to shape and mold her into the determined, focused young woman she now is. Tairrie loves to sing and hopes to be a dental assistant after completing her high school diploma and further education. With her talent and dedication to being a positive role model for her younger brother, we have no doubt that Tairrie will accomplish every goal she sets.

In Loving memory

Herb Ringo

David Juhl

Frank and Jennifer Swant

Joseph Shaw

Sue Tong

Robert and Carla Wall

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From the John Vibber Estate

Addie Sadow

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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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