

Elizabeth Gregory Home's Under the Yellow Umbrella



Winter 2011

An eventful 2010 for Katherine!



Katherine outside
the EGH Day Center
December 2009



Katherine inside the
EGH Transitional
Housing Program
December 2010

In November 2009, Katherine Clark came into the doors of the Elizabeth Gregory Home Day Center. She had great energy, a vibrant smile and she made a wonderful meal for the five women that she had just met. She loved the fact that EGH was a not a place where she could just crash or just get a hot meal prepared in large quantity. Instead, she was able to cook for herself. Soon she made more friends and was making delicious meals for all of them. The morning routine was – Katherine's friend would make coffee. Katherine's other friend would prepare break-fast. Katherine would start prepping for lunch and cook at least a three-course meal. There were two other friends who would be in charge of clean up. This is how Katherine's journey at EGH started.

Within days of feeling comfortable with her friends at EGH, Katherine fell back into the vicious cycle of drug and alcohol abuse. She came to the Day Center one day, and said, "I will never be able to be happy or be with anyone in my life, because I put myself in this situation that I can never get out of." Katherine met with Kanti, who was then providing case management. After a few phone calls, Katherine was accepted into an in-patient treatment program and was able to get into detox, but there was no bed available for her to move in immediately. Luckily, EGH had an opening and we were able to give her a temporary room until she went into her treatment program in early 2010. Six months later Katherine graduated from her treatment program and moved into a short-term clean and sober house. When we had another opening at EGH, Katherine was interviewed and was selected to move into EGH. During her stay here, she took care of some of the health issues that she had been putting off for a long time. She continues to attend her NA meetings and is looking for a job.

In early January 2011, Katherine moved into her own place. When I asked her what she likes about EGH, she said, "It feels like a home. There are not a lot of places that build a sense of community within a communal living situation. I also like that you provide just enough stability so that the women can continue to grow on their own instead of being constantly dependant on social service agencies to back them up. That is what we all need: Independence."

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR . . .

As we enter this New Year, we do so with tremendous gratitude for all of your support throughout this past year. You have seen us through a couple of major transitions this year as we teamed up with a new Executive Director, Sinan Demirel, who enabled us to move our transitional housing program from market-rate apartments to a home that is operated in partnership with HomeStep and the Low Income Housing Institute. In addition to all of your generous individual gifts, we also received several grants at the end of the year, contributions from several local churches, and a major bequest through University Lutheran Church that carry us into the New Year with a new sense of stability and hope.

At our Board meeting this past week, we set our sights on this next year by approving a realistic balanced budget that will enable us to sustain our current programs and slowly build up our reserves for future considerations. Our dedicated Fund Development Committee already is planning several fundraisers for the year. We now have five volunteers who are concentrating on writing grants. We also were able to add a new line item in our budget that would enable us to contract with a grant writer. We hope to put together a Program Committee early this year in order to lend guidance and support to our very capable Program Director, Kanti Mani.

However, nothing makes us more pleased than to know that the women of EGH are comfortably situated in a real home that provides a strong sense of community. They are supported by two professional volunteers, Laura Mitterling and Katie Gienapp, and a staff person from HomeStep. In addition, the women who enter the EGH Day Center continue to be greeted warmly every day by Michelle Martin, our Day Center Supervisor. We are grateful for all of you who have volunteered this past year to assist with our stability—none more important than John Poole, who helped us get all of our financial records and reports in order. All of this stability and whatever dreams that we have for the future of EGH are possible because of your gifts. Thank you.

Ron Moe-Lobeda
EGH Board President

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GIFTS FROM FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES & FAITHBASED ORGANIZATIONS

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Shoreline Covenant Church
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State of WA Combined Fund Drive
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Shoreline Covenant Church Event Benefits EGH

Women filled the fellowship hall to attend a dinner and auction at Shoreline Covenant Church on November 19. EGH was one of the recipients of proceeds from this event. Those attending were served a terrific dinner and dessert by the men of the church and were challenged to support the ministries by participating in a silent and live auction of donated hand-crafted items from members and friends of the church.

With the theme "Hand-crafted from the Heart", the dinner-auction was a fun, humorous evening which gave EGH an opportunity to tell our story and express our appreciation for the ongoing support of this church. Their quilters have provided beautiful hand-made quilts for each woman entering our residence program, a tangible symbol of the warmth and care we hope to provide.

The dinner and auction resulted in a gift of \$1,650 to EGH. Thank You to all the quilters, the Women's Ministry Organization, and participants in this year's dinner-auction! You truly have given "From the Heart".

Fourth Annual Casino Night

Friends of EGH gathered one night in November to play games, eat Moroccan food, bid on silent auction items, and listen to vintage jazz in Rick's Cafe. It was the Fourth Annual Casino Night Benefit.

Thanks to Rich Hinrichsen and all the wonderful committee members for organizing this event. Thanks to Michelle McCully for creating a web page for the event and helping with the silent auction. Thanks to David Chilton for procuring soft drinks, to Ruth Ann Rouse for cooking all that great food, to Kristin Piepho for running the silent auction, to Shannon Peart for designing the programs, to Emi Buckmaster for designing our invitation and save-the-date cards, to Leah Natale and friends for providing the wonderful 1940s music, to Sue Tong for decorations, to Joan and Merle Overland for procuring wine. Thanks to Frank Gregory for operating the projector. And thanks to all of our other wonderful volunteers. Thanks to our underwriters and generous donors.

Plymouth Congregational Church's Fair Trade Fair

In December, 2010, EGH had a table at the Plymouth Congregational Church's Fair Trade Fair. This event promotes Christmas giving to non-profits as well as a venue for Fair Trade artisans. This is the second year EGH has been present accepting donations and sharing our story. We also sold 3 quilts to benefit EGH. Helping at this event were Michelle Martin, Annemarie Sibborn and Mari Mitchell-Putnam. Thank you, ladies, for your help in spreading the word of this wonderful organization. We hope to have even more success next year!

HOLIDAYS 2010

This was a wonderful Holiday season for the women of Elizabeth Gregory Home. For the first time, in the new home, we had children "trick-or-treat" for Halloween. Then, for Thanksgiving, we had a small appreciation dinner at the house for board members and staff.. On December 19th we had a women of worth party, which was open to all our clients and their families.

THANK YOU!!!

- ~Marti and Charlie for buying the Christmas tree for the Day Center.
- ~Jennifer and Warren Drew for buying the Christmas tree for the home.
- ~Friends from U-Presbyterian Church for having volunteers come to help with Hosting the Holiday party (Special thanks to co-ordinator Liz Orstad)
- ~Friends from Junior League for making gift bags for our women
- ~Friends from University Christian Church for the venue
- ~Friends from Univerity Lutheran Church for having a giving tree
- ~Friends from Univeristy Congregational Church for helping with gift-wrapping
- ~Lydia Sibborn and her friends & Betty Voigt for helping with gift wrapping.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Beatles Sing-A-Long at University Lutheran Church, January 22nd at 7:30 PM

Come Twist and Shout and sing to dozens of Beatles songs played by live musicians until you collapse with exhaustion. \$20 per adult & \$5 per child

EGH's Valentine's Day Ball: Watch your mail for more information about this NON-EVENT

Elizabeth Gregory Home's Fifth Annual Benefit Dinner at the Lake Union Café, May 15th at 6:00 PM

Includes a gourmet dinner preceded by wine and hors d'oeuvres. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for great prizes and guests will hear a first hand account of the experience of our clients.

Elizabeth Gregory Home's Third Annual Book Sale in July—Date and Venue to be finalized.

We are now collecting books for the Book Sale. Please drop them off at 1604 NE 50th St. Seattle, WA 98105

EGH WISHLIST

NEEDS: POSTAGE STAMPS, 2 DESKTOP COMPUTERS, VACCUM CLEANER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, SOCKS, POTS AND PANS, GARBAGE BAGS, SUGAR, SPICES

WANTS: COSMETICS, NYLONS, HYGIENE SUPPLIES, SCOTCH TAPE, HAND TOWELS, LIQUID HAND SOAP, BRAS, ZIPLOCK CONTAINERS AND BAGS,