

## Hellos and Goodbyes

This summer brings several staff changes to EGH as we say goodbye to Marti Spicer and hello to two new Companis service volunteers, Kim Nonen and Alanna Gunne.

Marti joined the EGH Care Team in August, 2013 as the Health and Wellness Coordinator but quickly transitioned to Case Manager where she spent her days helping EGH clients find housing. When EGH unexpectedly lost the transitional house manager, Marti stepped up and took on that position too. Marti says she has learned a great deal about homelessness from EGH staff and clients and describes the experience of working with clients as humbling. We are very sad to see Marti leave, but grateful for the legacy she leaves behind.

Kim Nonen is already a familiar face at EGH. She is a graduate of our transitional housing program and spent over two years volunteering at the Day Center both during and after being a resident. Kim joins the EGH staff as Day Center Coordinator and brings not only life experience but talent in volunteer management and administration to our team. Kim says she is grateful for the opportunity to “pay it forward”.

Alanna Gunne, a longtime northwest resident and a Companis service volunteer since 1998, has joined the EGH team as the new Program Manager. Alanna has a lifelong commitment to service in the community and brings with her a wealth of experience including working with DSHS on providing public assistance for the elderly and disabled as well as developing programs for homeless families and their children.

Please join us in wishing Marti a fond farewell and welcoming Kim and Alanna!



**Kim Nonen**



**Alanna Gunne**



**Marti Spicer**

## COMING HOME

### Theresa's Story

Theresa first walked through the doors of Elizabeth Gregory Home in November, 2010. She discovered the EGH Day Center while staying at the overnight shelter in University Lutheran Church. At the Day Center, Theresa immediately pitched in and volunteered for cooking, cleaning and helping other clients. When we had an opening in our transitional housing program in June, 2012, she was a natural choice.

Theresa always had a passion for cooking, yet her skills were not fully marketable in the workplace. In 2013, Theresa was accepted at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. EGH staff helped her get an Older Women's League grant, which paid a portion of her tuition. Theresa graduated this spring with a 4.0 GPA and perfect attendance. She has been utilizing her training to cook for two sororities in the University District and also to work on-call at a local retirement facility.



Theresa

This month, Theresa moved into housing in Federal Way, where she is helping to remodel an old friend's home. She still holds dear the hope to achieve her lifelong dream in the future by opening a faith-based soup kitchen and retreat center somewhere in the greater Seattle area. In the meantime, she cherishes her time with her daughters and grandchildren, as well as knowing that EGH will continue to support her during her transition out of homelessness.

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN GIVE BIG!!

We are so very grateful to all who donated on May 6th during the Seattle Foundation's Annual Give Big on-line donation event. With the Seattle Foundation match, EGH raised over \$17,000.

## SPRING DINNER 2014 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



With nearly 180 in attendance, this year's annual spring dinner at the Lake Union Café in late April was a big success. Based on feedback we've received, many were appreciative of the festive surroundings and gastronomic delights, as well as inspired by the stories relayed by two women who combatted homelessness thanks to the assistance of services provided by EGH. One of those women was Michele Martin who is the Operations Manager at EGH. To see a transcript of her speech, go to this link that is found on the Companis website: <http://www.companis.org/article/homeless-some-these-names-will-surprise-you>.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended and those who contributed but were unable to attend, EGH made over \$62,000 which directly impacts our ability to meet immediate needs such as food, clothing, and day shelter for the homeless women we serve. Additionally, it allows our staff and volunteers to assist them with addressing long-range goals such as acquiring permanent housing, improving their life skills, and earning sustainable income to break free from the cycle of homelessness.

We also want to thank the sponsors of the dinner who generously underwrote the costs:

*Jim's Northgate Towing, David Oliver and Associates,  
and Maynard and Darleen Atik*



## Showers Are in Our Future!

Over the past year, a committed team has been working on plans to expand our Day Center into a new space, which will include the addition of two showers. Early on in the dreaming stage, preliminary plans were developed by Mark Hillman, who generously donated his architectural talents. Since then, John and Ann Adams, who are both principals with Adams Architecture and generous volunteers of their time, have shepherded the plans towards finalization. Stay tuned for new developments!

## Thanks for the Sandwiches!

The last Monday of each month, when food stamps are exhausted and our food supply is therefore over-taxed, Ruth Darden and her friends prepare and donate 100 sandwiches and fresh fruit. Connie Huffine delivers these delicious refreshments to our Day Center. The EGH clients really look forward to this monthly event, as it fills a vital gap until our food delivery each week on Wed and Thursday. Thanks so much to Ruth and friends!

**We would love to have this service available every Monday. If you could consider a similar commitment to EGH, please contact Michele Martin at 206-729-0262 or [mmartin@eghseattle.org](mailto:mmartin@eghseattle.org).**

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Driver to Pickup Donations of Clothing or Assist with Women Moving Into New Housing  
Reporter, Writer and Editor for Newsletter and Website  
Cooking Class Instructor  
Chemical Dependency/ Addiction Specialists  
Monthly Pizza Party Sponsor

Please contact : Kim Nonen [knonen@eghseattle.org](mailto:knonen@eghseattle.org)

## Donation Requests

Bus Tickets  
Reusable Bags: Plastic or Cloth  
Ziploc Bags (Quart and Gallon)  
Sturdy Backpacks  
33 Gallon Trash Bags  
Tall Kitchen Bags  
Dish Soap  
\$10 Safeway Gift Cards to Reward Client Volunteers