



# Elizabeth Gregory Home's Under the Yellow Umbrella



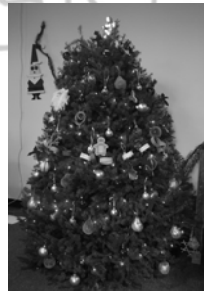
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*"Thank you for brightening our lives and putting a smile on our face.  
Thank you for taking the time to care for us."*

*- Ronda*



Holiday Decorations at the Day Center and Transitional Housing



Joe Wallace, our new Day Center Supervisor



Birtie is helped with the computer at the day center

## You made it possible for Jamee to realize her dreams!

*Jamee K. came to EGH in July, 2009. In less than 6 months, Jamee worked hard to find a new home for Christmas. Listen to what she has to say about her stay at Elizabeth Gregory Home. Best wishes, Jamee!*

*As the holidays grow near and the Seattle weather begins to take a turn to the frosty-snowiness that brings cheer and worry to people of the city, I am very blessed and thankful to have had this very short time here at Elizabeth Gregory Home.*

*Hello, my name is Jamee – "J" – as I sometimes went by, and I am the latest resident to be leaving this wonderful program. Though I spent only 5-ish months here, I accomplished every goal I originally set with Ms. Jackson on our very first meeting. I am back in school full time – benefits of having served 3.5 years in the military. They also are providing me with housing income, which is why I am able to leave EGH and go into permanent housing. I have reliable transportation needs being met - provided by the wonderful Zipcar organization, and I am in process of a custody battle that looks to have a happy ending.*

*A move at this very time may seem chaotic because I am in the middle of finals at school and it is nearing the Christmas holiday. You know what they say "When it rains, it pours." Well in my life "It pours" and this is the good type of rain.*

*I am very blessed and owe my having been here, at EGH, to the Atiks. They are long time family friends and have been a great support through all my trials and probably many more to come. I am also blessed to have a great and wonderful family support here in Seattle and throughout the U.S.*

*My time here at EGH has not been idle. God gave me the time to get "Jamee back on her feet," and that is exactly what I accomplished here. I can only hope that the future of EGH is just that – a place of rebirth for future women.*

*I will walk away from EGH with a smile on my face and in my heart – to know that there is a place for women to – how do we say it in the south – "to Cowboy Up!!!"*

*Thank you ALL, who have been a great and wonderful support to me and who will be a support to all future EGH residents.*

*Cheers & Happy Holidays!!!!*

*- "A not-so-typical-Gal who ALWAYS holds the Power to Be All & Do All"*



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**A special welcome to Joe Wallace, our new Day Center Supervisor. Joe was one of our AARP enrollees several months ago and is now part of the EGH staff supervising other AARP enrollees. Welcome aboard Joe!**

As we wrap up this year of assisting “women who are recovering from homelessness by providing transitional supportive housing and hospitality that will help them move toward an enriched life within the community” (the mission of EGH), we say:

**“THANK YOU”**

Thank you to all of you who have blessed Elizabeth Gregory Home with your gifts throughout this year! You have enabled more than 30 women throughout the year to have a safe and secure home in which to live while they pulled their lives together and prepared to embark upon new ventures in their lives. You also have supported a day center for hundreds of homeless women where they have been able to share a meal, do their laundry, use the computers, and receive support from a case manager. Several of these women also moved directly into permanent housing from the day center.

As you are well aware, our journey this year has been a challenge, but we are ending the year in anticipation of securing new funds from the public sector. Also, our Executive Director, Kimberly Jackson, has left EGH for new ventures in her own life, and the Board has hired a new Executive Director who will be announced in the New Year. We thank Ms. Jackson for getting EGH “off the ground” back in the summer of 2006. Her compassion for the women of EGH and her determination to make EGH as effective as possible contributed greatly to the number of women who were able to move from homelessness into a permanent place to call “home.”

With your support, we have been able to accomplish more than we had ever hoped when we gathered last winter at a Board retreat and laid out our goals for this year. Several times a week, someone new has contacted us with an offer to contribute to EGH, either with funds, with donations, or with time to volunteer. You may have been one of these new contacts this year. To you, we say, “THANK YOU!” To those of you who renewed your support this year, we also say, “THANK YOU.” The women of EGH are the direct beneficiaries of your generosity, but the entire community benefits from YOUR KINDNESS AND GOODNESS! THANKS!

*Ron Moe-Lobeda*  
President of EGH Board

EGH WISHLIST		
Gloves, Hats & Scarves	Perfumed Lotions	Popcorn
Socks	Hair Grease	Sugar
Nail Paint & Cosmetics	Perfume / Body spray	Paper Towels
Toe Nail Clipper	New underwear nylons, coats and pants (sizes M, XXL XXXL)	Microwaveable food
Tampons	\$10 Goodwill Gift cards	Spices (used OK)

With two women moving from Elizabeth Gregory Home in less than a month, there has been mixed feelings within the EGH family. While we are happy to see our friends go into their permanent homes, we are sad that they will not be around as much.

This positive transition in their lives would not have been possible without your support. In the first week of 2010, you will receive a mailing acknowledging your gifts. Thank you for your contributions.

I would personally like to thank every one that has invested in Elizabeth Gregory Home. I would specially like to thank the Board of Directors and volunteers who always make time for doing projects that would otherwise take up staff time. You are a constant source of inspiration to me.

The residents and the staff of Elizabeth Gregory Home cannot express our gratitude enough towards Kimberly Jackson for everything that she has done for us. In one way or another, she has touched our hearts and enriched our lives. Thank you Kimberly! We wish you the very best in all you do.

We wish to start the new year with hopes for a brighter life and end this year with appreciation for your giving. You made it possible for EGH to move into a new year. Thank you so very much for taking the time to care and contribute towards EGH.

*Kanti Mani*  
Program Director

**Any contribution to Elizabeth Gregory Home would be most appreciated!**