



## We Are Expanding Our Hours of Service

Dear Sujata,

This is a difficult time for all of us, but especially hard for those living without a home.

As life changes by the hour, we want to keep you updated on what The Sophia Way is doing to serve the women who reach out to us each day, while at the same time protecting our cherished and dedicated employees.

**We have made the decision to offer our support and services 24/7.** This is possible through adjusting the hours of our Day Center and shelters. As you are aware, we do not offer services from 3 to 8 pm, and with places like libraries, coffee shops, and community centers currently closed, we feel that this expanded service is critical to ensure the safety and wellness of clients.

To make this possible, St. Luke's Lutheran Church has graciously allowed us to move the **Emergency Shelter and co-locate with the Day Center and Extended-Stay Shelter.** This enables The Sophia Way to provide the necessary staff AND have the ability to provide improved social distancing as directed.

Because our shelter staff, like many, have felt the impact of school and business closures, **The Sophia Way is supporting staff** by providing a bonus for use towards childcare, food, rent, and other basic needs during this crisis. We cannot meet the needs of the women without our dedicated staff.

**The financial impact for The Sophia Way to be open an additional 5.5 hours is approximately \$700 a day.** Women trust us to provide the support they need and it is vital for their safety and health to remain open all hours. We are confident that you will once again give to help women in our community.

[Your donation to the Emergency Fund will help women during these uncertain times.](#)

On behalf of the nearly 100 women we serve each day, THANK YOU for your ongoing support and compassion.

Warm regards,

Alisa Chatinsky  
Executive Director

*P.S. We are very grateful to you, our community, who have supported our emergency request for meals. We are in awe of your commitment to ensure for the safety and health of our women.*

*P.S.S. An extra big THANK YOU to Temple B'nai Torah for graciously hosting our emergency shelter over the last two and half months. We appreciate their support and look forward to partnering again.*

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Thank you for supporting our mission to end homelessness for women in our community.

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9 AM to 5 PM

### Day Center

3032 Bellevue Way NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
(behind St. Luke's Lutheran  
Church)  
Ph: 425.896.7385  
Bus route: 249  
7:15 AM to 7 PM

### Emergency Shelter

*(Until May 2020)*  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
3030 Bellevue Way NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
Ph: 425.463.6254  
Bus route: 249  
7 PM to 7:15 AM

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