



February 2020

### Help Us Close The Gap & Save Lives

#### Greetings!

Pacific Northwest winters are difficult. The relentless rain and bone-chilling cold keeps us indoors. Unfortunately, those experiencing homelessness do not have the certainty of warmth and comfort.



Currently, we have a five-and-a-half-hour gap in services from 3 until 8:30 PM when our clients must brave the elements or find shelter at libraries, coffee houses or bus stops.

Until the new Kirkland shelter opens in late summer, closing this five-and-a-half-hour service gap is a priority for The Sophia Way to provide dignity and improve the health of the women we serve.

The cost to keep our shelters open extended hours is \$700 per day. Your taxdeductible donation will help.

Please make your gift today.

With gratitude,

Alisa Chatinsky Interim Executive Director

### MY GIFT TO CLOSE THE GAP

Interview with Dietra Clayton Director of Client Services & Shelter Programs "I know their names, I know their stories. They are my family"

Dietra talks about her work and the critical role that The Sophia Way plays in supporting women to journey out of homelessness.



Read the in-depth interview

# **Construction in Full Swing**

It's exciting to watch our new shelter being built. The construction site is a hub of activity. Last week, we walked through the second story of the Kirkland Shelter for Families & Women that will house our Day Center and Emergency Shelter. We can't wait for it to open in late summer!



Watch us grow! Take a peek at 11920 NE 80th St, Kirkland, WA 98033

**Special Thanks!** 

We cannot succeed without the support of ourvolunteer community.



A group from Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation



A team from Rotaract Club at UW Bothell and University of Washington Bothell Beta Alpha Psi

## **TSW101**



The Sophia Way



We are delighted to announce the launch of The Sophia Way 101 -- an opportunity to learn about our mission to end homelessness for women and how you can get involved as an episodic or regular volunteer, meal donor, and supporter.

In just one short hour, you will meet our board and staff, hear stories of impact, and learn more about homelessness.

Join us every third Tuesday, 4 - 5 PM, beginning February 18.

### **REGISTER FOR TSW 101**

When: Tuesday, February 18; 4 - 5 PM

*Where:* Sophia's Place (Behind St. Luke's Lutheran Church), 3032 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Coffee and light snacks will be served

For more details or to register, email info@sophiaway.org

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



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