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Dear Friends,

It's a new beginning at The Sophia Way as we take our initial steps in collaborating as the Executive Team.

A robust foundation has been laid through [The Sophia Way Forward](#) with the support of the Board, past CEO Alisa Chatinsky, and many community members. The possibilities are endless and the future is bright for the organization.

As we look ahead, we are committed to developing a robust mental health program that will support each woman and provide them with various resources to enable their journey to safety and stability. With the support of partners, we are determined to find new housing options that meet women where they are and embrace them to be a part of the community.

There is much work to be done over the next 100 days to ensure the success of our distributed leadership model. We are working closely with the Board and engaging with you, our community of supporters, to build the systems and processes needed for this model to succeed for The Sophia Way. We hope it will serve as a model for other nonprofit organizations. Thank you for your understanding and for giving us grace during this transition period.

The Sophia Way is poised to continue to grow and excel as a leader in providing shelter, safety, and stability for women experiencing homelessness on the Eastside. We are grateful for your generosity in supporting our vision and mission.

Please connect with us at executiveteam@sophiaway.org.

In grateful service,

Dietra Clayton
Managing Executive Director

Zee Peters
Executive Director
Development & Engagement

Sophia Hernandez
Executive Director
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Our Executive Team exemplifies the passion, commitment, and tenacity of The Sophia Way to be a place of hope and healing for women. [Dietra Clayton](#), [Zee Peters](#), and [Sophia Hernandez](#) share their personal journey in conversation with Sujata Agrawal.

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Impact Story



"I'm alive and I have a roof over my head."

Illness stole Deborah's job, home, and will to live. With the support of her case manager, who she calls her "earth angel", Deborah is now in her own apartment and getting the treatment she needs.

[Listen to Deborah's story](#)

Upcoming Events



Join us to meet Marc Dones, CEO, King County Regional Homelessness Authority. Marc will share KCRHA's vision for bringing organizations and people together to support those experiencing homelessness.

4 pm, November 10th

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Thank you for your home-cooked meals that nourish women at Helen's Place and Sophia's Place. Chef Laura Taylor will share tips on cooking for large groups and secrets of menu planning.

11 am, November 16th

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2022 Meal Sign Ups

Our 2022 meals calendar is now open!

Every day, we serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner to 40 women at Helen's Place in Kirkland, and to 30 women at Sophia's Place in Bellevue.

Your donation of home-cooked meals nourish the women, helping them stay healthy. Cook as an individual, a group or as a family - it's a great way for children to volunteer virtually!



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