



Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air, and daffodils are blooming everywhere, making our world a little brighter!

As we begin a new season, I am reminded of the resilience and strength we find in one another. And how, with all the challenges of the past years, we support and uplift each other. Thank you for your unwavering support of The Sophia Way. Your generous donations, volunteer hours, and kind words make a difference. Because of you, we provide safe shelter, warm meals, and critical support services to women experiencing homelessness.



We have much to look forward to. April is National Volunteer

Appreciation month, and we will honor our steadfast community for their compassion and kindness for the women we serve. And in May, we hope to see you virtually at our <u>Spring fundraiser</u>, where we will share the impact of your collective generosity for women.

Currently, a key focus area for us is people to support our staff and case managers, who are fantastic, and we are very proud of how they care for and empower women. We are seeking an <u>Associate Director</u>, <u>HR Generalist</u>, and <u>shelter staff</u>, so please <u>share the positions</u> with people interested in joining us.

We are also working on new programs to engage the community and build stronger partnerships to ensure we have resources to provide shelter, safety, and stability for unhoused women. There is much to be done, and I am confident that together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the women we serve and support our staff that does the tough everyday work.

We are stronger when we work together, and I am proud to be a part of such a supportive and caring community. I wish you all a happy and healthy spring season!

With gratitude,

Dietra Clayton

Managing Executive Director



### YOUR INVITATION

Spring is a time of hope and new beginnings.

Join us at our annual fundraising event to celebrate stories of hope and support women seeking to start new journeys.

We will be livestreaming the event.

Wednesday, May 17 | Noon

**Guest Registration** 

**Host a House Party** 

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### With Gratitude to Our Sponsors

RESPECT



















# **Stories of Hope**

Case managers are the bedrock of support for women sheltering at The Sophia Way.

**Bella** was disheartened at being unable to find a job. Her case manager suggested applying to a hotel and helped her prepare for the interview. Bella was hired part-time!

When **Pat** had some challenges with having a restful sleep at the shelter, her case manager looked for an opening at our transitional housing. Pat is grateful to have her own bedroom to relax and rest.



**Loretta's** case manager used motivational interviewing to help her regain confidence after losing familial support and feeling hopeless about her future.

After **Claire** moved into her apartment, she had a medical issue that required frequent hospital visits and was feeling down. The calls and visits from her case manager got her through the tough days. "She was there when I needed her, which means a lot to me."

## **Events in April**

#### **TSW101**

Know more about our mission and programs, and how you can get involved.

April 18 | 4 to 5 pm | On Zoom | **REGISTER** 

### **Support Network**

Members of faith communities and community groups, and individuals meet once a month to get updates about The Sophia Way's programs and needs of women experiencing homelessness.

April 25 | 12 to 1 pm | On Zoom | REGISTER

## Your support helps women thrive!







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