

*January Newsletter*

## Hello VOA friends and family

I wanted to give you update about my role at VOA. During the late summer, I was told that I have have a auto immune condition. As a result, I have opted to say home, get well, and focus on self care. I will be cheering along with you on the opening of the new Hope House, Mardi Bra, and the construction of the new Crosswalk.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk with anyone in our Development Department, please contact Rae-Lynn Barden at [rbarden@voaspokane.org](mailto:rbarden@voaspokane.org) or Fawn Schott [fschott@voaspokane.org](mailto:fschott@voaspokane.org).



Thank you for your years of commitment to women, veterans and youth experiencing homelessness in our community.

We couldn't do it without you,

Jon



## You can help!

There are more than 1,800 women experiencing homelessness in Spokane each day. Meeting their basic needs can be a struggle for Hope House, a program of Volunteers of America, and Transitions' Women's Hearth. Spokane Mardi Bras aims to change that.

Join us on Saturday, February 20 for a drive-thru event from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Grocery Outlet on 1617 W. 3rd Ave OR.....Have an online Mardi Bras party and invite

friends to join virtually.

Help Support Your Local Sister!

Learn  
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## Forever with us



*"Beth was always the calm during the storm. No matter how chaotic things were or got. She was always the one who you could look to for guidance and answers. I will miss her leadership, smile and motherly advice. She will be missed dearly but remembered through everyone that had a chance to work with and or meet her. We will continue the work that she started. "*

**Ben Calhoun**

*Veteran Transitional Housing and Re-Entry Program Manager*

Beth (Kerr) Foster blessed the VOA's Veteran's team in 2010. She always had a passion to serve our Veterans and anchored in the value of gratitude for what our Veterans sacrificed for each of us. She spent her career advocating and ensuring that Veterans experiencing homelessness had the resources and tools to make homelessness part of their past. She was a master at helping Veterans identify their own strength and helped them overcome hurdles daily.

Beth can be remembered for her contagious smile, her ability to mentor her team to be the best and her compassion and commitment to the Veterans in her care.

VOA will remember Beth as one of our best. Someone who was a servant leader and a trusted colleague. Our community will miss her greatly.

## Help a women the of Spokane

We are opening our new Hope House location this April!

Can you donate \$500 for a respite bed or \$1000 for an apartment to help a women have a safe place to sleep this year?

Funds purchase the bed and items to create home for a women in need.



Pledge today!

## Thank you for a wonderful holiday season!



After a long year, our sponsors helped brighten our clients holiday season with their consistent generosity. Thank you for your continued support of VOA - we greatly appreciate you!

Special thanks to -

- Browne's Bistro
- Embrace Washington
- Ivory Table
- Kiemle & Hagood
- Molina
- Rockwood Retirement Community
- Safety Net
- Sock It to Me
- St. Aloysius
- Tree of Sharing

*"I love you guys. I love you so much. Thank you for thinking of me."*  
- VOA client

The 'Rockwood Elves' brought handmade trucks and baby cradles for the children of our programs

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Because Homelessness Shouldn't Be a Life Sentence