

Summer 2019

Rebuilding lives, one extraordinary woman at a time.



## Julie Has Hope for Her Future *Thanks to You!*

She's taken vocational training to change her career and started medication for her mental health. She's also saved over \$2,000 through Jubilee's Matched Savings Program, which means Julie is well on her way to meeting the financial expectations of signing a lease.

Now Julie is working part time at her dream job as a care giver, and she's making twice as much per hour as she did as a merchandizer. She hopes to start working full time hours with benefits, and wants her own place with a little yard.

"I would love a little yard for my bee hives, and to decorate everything in pink, and invite people over."

*The most transformative experience Julie's had at Jubilee was feeling loved and knowing that people really cared about her.*

Before coming to Jubilee, Julie experienced a lifetime of mental and physical abuse, and for many years she struggled with physical health issues, mental health issues, and drug addiction. This led to multiple instances of going to rehab, relapsing, living in her car, and even some time in prison.

Throughout this time, Julie tried multiple times to change her life.

"I worked so hard to get my life together," she said. "But I didn't have any credit, and I didn't make enough money to fulfill the rent formula," she says, which is monthly rent payment x3.

Julie dreamed of being a care giver, but that dream seemed far out of her reach.

*Feeling like she was out of options and had nowhere to go, Julie lost all hope.*

But then, a local church connected Julie with Jubilee. She was excited to move in and begin a new life.

Right away, Julie was eager to get a job. She had experience in retail and grocery merchandizing and was motivated to start working again. But instead, she was encouraged to take a break, rest, and take care of herself. She needed time to heal from her past trauma, physical pain, and mental health issues.

**Thanks to your generosity, this changed everything for Julie.**

It was hard to do this, as she recalls. "I remember thinking, 'Please don't throw me away!'" For years she believed she was never enough, and she was afraid of what would happen if she wasn't able to contribute through working.

But Jubilee welcomed her with open arms, and she became part of the family.

**Your investment in Julie's future gave her an opportunity to make real and lasting changes.**

"I found a family," she said. "People don't judge me, but believe that I have value. They say good things about me, and give me a chance."

This newfound empowerment has given Julie the strength to set boundaries against unhealthy relationships, stay in recovery, and to make better decisions. "I'm learning to communicate



effectively and professionally, especially through conflict. I'm getting coached in professional attitude and I get constructive feedback. I can make mistakes and learn new skills in a safe environment."

**YOU made this possible. Because of your support, Julie has a safe place to heal from past trauma, grow in her career goals, and learn new leadership skills. THANK YOU.**



## Meet the New Executive Director

Annie Sanderson joined Jubilee Women’s Center as the new Executive Director on June 18th.

She has 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience in the fields of fund development, marketing, strategic business development and communications.

Annie has worked with transitional housing clients, homeless youth, and nonprofits that have provided continuation of care in services such as mental health, addiction recovery, job skills training and safe havens for victims of domestic or sexual abuse.

She has an affinity toward nature, exploration and adventure. Her hobbies include kayaking, paint-

ing large canvas abstracts, public speaking, organic gardening, biking, camping, hiking, complementary and alternative medicine, writing, offthe- beaten-path road trips, and, most importantly, being an advocate of hope, healing and empowerment.

Annie is a mother of eight adult children (whew!) and Nana to two grandchildren, and the author of two books on nutritional healing.

### You Make a Difference!

In my short time here at Jubilee I’ve been so impressed by the commitment of our staff, volunteers, and donors to this program. When I talk to you, this passion is in your state of mind, like you believe I’ve been given a precious gift as the new Executive Director.

#### Thank you for this gift.

YOU are investors in elevating each Jubilee woman to be the best they can be. When the need is so great in Seattle in regards to poverty and the cost of living, your investment in the mission of Jubilee is paramount in us continuing to empower women to make positive life changes.

Our residents know you’re investing in them. To know you have a community behind you when you’ve gone through a traumatic experience is critical in healing.

**You’re giving women the tools they need to continue making a path toward a living wage.**

So as you read the stories in this newsletter, I hope you’ll see the impact of your investment and the difference you are making in the lives of these extraordinary women.

Thank you!

Leanne Sanderson  
Executive Director  
Jubilee Women’s Center

## Your Monthly Gift Secures a Place for Her.

Make a commitment to helping women move past homelessness with a monthly contribution to Jubilee Women’s Center’s Impact Circle.



**The challenge.** We invite you to give \$35 a month -- the amount of a resident’s weekly grocery budget.

*“Monthly giving means Jubilee has funds coming in they can count on day in and day out, not just during prime giving seasons.” ~long-time donor*

**It’s convenient.** Set up a recurring donation online for an automatic monthly transaction.

**It’s easy.** How much you give each month is up to you. But by passing on a of couple of lattes, a cocktail, or a meal out, you have already freed up what it takes to make a difference for a Jubilee woman.

**It’s impactful.** You’ll receive regular impact updates so you know how your contribution is being used.

**The reward.** Your gift of any size will help a woman work toward living-wage employment and stable housing.

**Sign up today.** Learn more at [jwcenter.org](http://jwcenter.org). You can sign up using the donate button on the upper right corner of our website, through [donations@jwcenter.org](mailto:donations@jwcenter.org), or by calling 206.957.4392. Thank you!



# JWC Volunteer Corner

Dearest volunteers and community partners, we're so grateful for your sacrifice of time! Because of you, women like Julie are experiencing the power of community to thrive and overcome isolation, which is so important when breaking out of the cycle of poverty and healing from the impact of mental health issues.

For many of our volunteers, the power of community is what keeps them connected to Jubilee! We wanted to share these two special stories with you.

## Marination Station

Many years ago, Jubilee volunteer, Kamala Saxton, met Roz Edison. Together they would launch Marination, a successful Seattle food truck serving Hawaiian-Korean cuisine that eventually grew to six restaurants and a second truck.

They're always proud to share how their Marination origin story begins with volunteering: the two founders became friends and business partners through a mutual connection to Jubilee Women's Center! This is why, at their 10 year anniversary celebration in June, they chose to benefit Jubilee with a portion of the event's ticket proceeds.

"Without this amazing organization there would be no Marination!" they said at the event and through their Instagram account.

We're so thankful for local business owners like Kamala and Roz, who celebrate important milestones with their community and give out of their life's work to empower women making a path out of poverty.

For information on partnering with or volunteering for JWC, email [volunteer@jwcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@jwcenter.org) or call 206-957-5512.

## Alpine Ascents International

In addition to her very active life as a cyclist, hiker, and Guide Manager at Alpine Ascents International, Mary Brown is also a Jubilee volunteer!

This year Mary was instrumental in connecting Jubilee with Alpine Ascents International, a locally based organization that leads climbs and expeditions around the world. Since 2014, Alpine Ascents has donated the proceeds of one climb each year to a local charity, where 100% of the fees paid by climbers goes directly to a non-profit organization.

This year, Jubilee Women's Center is honored to be chosen as their local recipient of this year's Charity Climb!

We're thankful to volunteers like Mary who make connections within their community to serve the mission of Jubilee.



There is still room on this year's charity climb! Visit [alpineascents.com](http://alpineascents.com) for more information.

## Volunteer Board Of Directors 2019

Thank you to our board and to our new board President!

- Paul Neutz, President; GetInsured
- Jennifer Engles-Klann, Vice President; The Derschang Group
- Kate Opatz, Secretary; Montana
- Sean Maygra, Treasurer; World Wide Distributors
- Leanne Sanderson, Executive Director
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- Daysha Carter, Microsoft
- Judith Desmarais, SP, Sisters of Providence
- Jennifer Hall, Sisters of Providence
- Joe Krukowski, Waste Management
- Nancy O'Brien, Community Volunteer

## Volunteer Orientation

Volunteers expand Jubilee's ability to serve more women in our community, more effectively. Our volunteers are valued not only for their gift of time and service, but also as an integral part of the community of support for residents who often feel disconnected.

Jubilee has ongoing or one-time volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, including students, service learners, interns, corporate teams, community organizations, and families.

If you are interested in helping out, please register for a volunteer orientation. At orientation, we'll discuss a variety of opportunities for getting involved, take a tour, and talk more about our programs.

Orientations are held every 2nd Friday of the month at 11am, and every 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm.

To sign up for an orientation, contact our volunteer manager: [volunteer@jwcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@jwcenter.org) or 206-957-5512.



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*Save the date!*



*Tuesday, October 1, 2019  
22nd Annual Benefit Breakfast*

*Please join us!*

**Tuesday, October 1st, 2019**  
**Sheraton Seattle Hotel**  
*Breakfast & Program*  
**7:30-8:45am**

*For information about being a table captain or event sponsorship opportunities, please contact [events@jwcenter.org](mailto:events@jwcenter.org) or call 206.582.1203.*

**Jubilee Women's Center supports women experiencing poverty to build stable and fulfilling futures, one extraordinary woman at a time.**

Led by the guiding principle that women of all races and cultures are to be treated with respect and dignity, Jubilee provides programs and services that empower women to make positive life changes.