



St. Francis House News



As part of National Volunteer Month, we want to highlight Monica Bradley who truly goes the extra mile.

Volunteer Highlight: Monica Bradley

April is National Volunteer Month, and we are so grateful for all our dedicated volunteers. Monica Bradley literally goes the extra mile when she volunteers on Tuesdays because the 81-year-old walks all the way to St. Francis House from her home on top of Queen Anne hill. Monica began volunteering with St. Francis House about 10 years ago after selecting the opportunity from St. Anne's parish Lenten Service Tree. The 3.7-mile trek takes her about two hours and then she begins her four-hour shift as a hospitality volunteer providing a welcoming smile and a listening ear when sharing coffee and snacks with our clients. She says that she enjoys talking with each visitor because there is not enough human interaction in this life, and it feels good to seek it out. Thank you, Monica, you inspire us!



St. Francis House in the News:

During a recent visit from *Axios Seattle*, reporter Christine Clarridge spoke with Brian Dombrausky who shared what makes St. Francis House special to him. "When everyone else is putting up barriers, pulling out benches and taking away bathrooms to keep people out, it's

the opposite here. They give you a place to feel welcome." He says he

often stops by St. Francis House with his girlfriend for a moment of peace. Read more in the story that invites readers to <u>"Get to know</u> <u>the small Seattle house with a big heart."</u>Don't miss the quote from security guard Anthony Hornbeak!

Meet Our New Executive Director, Amy Sagerson

Amy Sagerson has stepped into the Executive Director role in 2025, while former ED Laura Young remains on the board and an active volunteer. Following in her parent's footsteps, Amy has been volunteering at St. Francis House since 2015 and became a co-director in 2017. Amy grew up in Bellevue, WA and graduated from the University of Washington and received her Elementary Education degree from Seattle Pacific University. She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 31 years and have three wonderful grown children. She enjoys gardening, boating, and spending time with her family.

Amy says, "I find it such a privilege to do the work we all do at SFH, and I am honored to be a steward of the place that I love so much. I want to continue doing what we do best, as we have for the past 58 years - serving the most vulnerable in our community in a simple way. We are busier than ever, and our resources are stretched. I want to make sure that SFH has everything necessary to help our clients with their basic needs now and into the future."

Sustained Giving

We ask that you please consider becoming a St. Francis House Sustainer with a monthly recurring donation at the following link. Giving as little as \$20 per month goes a long way!

Donate!

Current Item Donation Wish List:

- Men's jeans (all sizes)
- Men's coats (all sizes)
- Men's shoes (all sizes)

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- Children's clothing (size 4-12)
- Housewares: cookware, dishes, blankets

Special Donation Hours: We are open the first Saturday of the month from 10-12 to receive donations.

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