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## Teamwork is the Dreamwork!

We recently made a change in the management of our homes here in the Village in an effort to improve the lives of both our residents and our staff. Instead of having a Resident Coordinator in each home, we will have four Resident Coordinators who will oversee the management of two homes, and then each home will have a Lead Direct Care Staff. The Lead Direct Care Staff will assist the Resident Coordinators with daily caregiving responsibilities and staff training. This allows the Resident Coordinators more time for the managerial responsibilities, such as processing orders, ordering supplies, keeping in touch with families, and so on. The only exception to this new structure will be our Willow Home, which will remain under the care of the current Resident Coordinator.

## Resident Coordinators

In our Village, we now have five Resident Coordinators. Please see below for who they are and which homes they manage.

**Chelsea Brown** started at EHL in August of 2015 and has been the Resident Coordinator in the Aspen Home for a long time. In addition to managing the Aspen Home, Chelsea also manages the Mt. Vernon Home. In Chelsea's free time, she loves cooking, being outdoors, and being at the coast any chance she gets. She absolutely adores all animals, especially all of hers at home.

### In Her Words:

I am excited for the opportunity to get to work with and get to know more amazing residents and their families! The bonds and relationships I have made here at EHL are beyond rewarding. I enjoy being in a leadership position and creating a fun and loving space for our residents and staff.



**Kayla Phearson** started at EHL in June of 2012 and has most recently been the Resident Coordinator in the Diamond Peak Home. In addition to managing the Diamond Peak Home, Kayla also manages the Mt. Hood Home. When not at work, Kayla loves going on adventures and being with friends and family.

### In Her Words:

I am excited about this new position. It will be fun to be a part of the Hood family again and get to see both homes grow. I love that we are family here. It doesn't feel like work when you come to see and be with family. My motivation is to help the residents, staff, and homes grow and have special moments each and every day.

**Isabel Benitez** started at EHL in July of 2017 and has been the Resident Coordinator in the Birch Home for almost two years. In addition to managing the Birch Home, Isabel will also manage the Redwood Home. Most of her free time is spent outdoors and she especially loves watching her kids play sports. She has been with her husband for 21 years and they have four children together. She is a proud Soccer Mom!

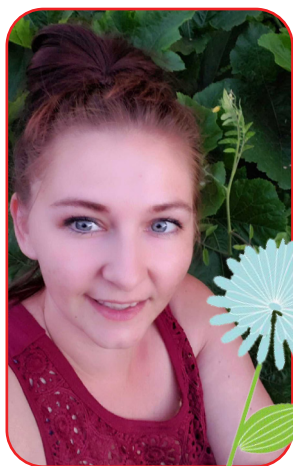


**In Her Words:**

I am very excited to get to know the Redwood staff, residents, and their families and still get to keep my Birch family, too. I love working somewhere that is based around a family environment. The bond we make with our staff and residents are lifetime, meaningful memories that I cherish every day. I am grateful and honored to be a part of amazing people's lives and I thank EHL for allowing me to do that.

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**Heather Stark** worked for EHL previously from 2006 to 2012. She was rehired in January of 2020 and is currently the Resident Coordinator of the Cedar Home. In addition to managing the Cedar Home, Heather also manages the Cascade Home. These days, Heather spends most of her time at home with her husband and two daughters. They also like to go to the beach and play in the sand and camping in the summer is their all-time favorite activity.

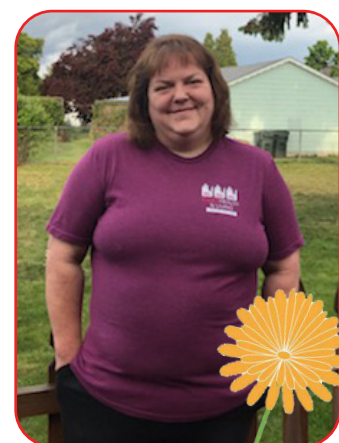


**In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to the added support to each home with the Leads joining the teams. I also look forward to getting to know and spend time with more residents, their families, and staff. I love that we continue to train and change as things evolve and our campus works so hard at being the best we can be for our residents. I am excited to learn more and take on new challenges as they come up, as well as helping to grow new leaders who share my love and compassion for our residents.

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**Laura Donoho** has worked for EHL since January 2009 and is currently the Resident Coordinator of the Willow Home. Laura will remain in this position as manager of the Willow Home. Laura has two kids and has been married to her husband for almost 25 years. She loves spending time with her family going camping, riding four-wheelers, and going fishing.



**In Her Words:**

I like the new structure for the other homes. I think having the Lead Direct Care Staff will take some stress off the Resident Coordinators. I love working with all the staff and residents at EHL. We feel like one big family and everyone is always wanting to help out. I love all my residents and they bring love and happiness to me. My team at Willow is great and I enjoy working with them, teaching them and learning from them.

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# Lead Direct Care Staff

Eventually, each home except Willow will have a Lead Direct Care Staff. We have several in place right now, and while we have selected who will be in these positions for the other homes, we have decided to announce them in the newsletter as they are able to transition to their new roles. Please see the next page to learn about who has stepped into this exciting new position so far!



**Ambrynn DeCelles** has been with EHL since February of 2017. She will transition from Resident Coordinator to Lead Direct Care Staff at Redwood. Ambrynn says she and her family enjoy anything outdoors in their free time - especially hiking, fishing, and hunting.

**In Her Words:**

What I love most about EHL is that residents and staff are one huge goofy, wild, and fun family. I get to show up to work every day and shake my tail feathers, have fun, and make people laugh. How amazing is that! I believe the Lead roles are going to be a game changer in adding extra support in our homes for staff and residents. I've been a Resident Coordinator at the Redwood Home for just over a year. Stepping into the Lead position is going to be an amazing opportunity for me to get back to being as goofy as I can and continue to make a huge difference in the lives of our elders. It will also give me more time with my two boys at home.



**Rebecca Tendick** has worked for EHL since March of 2016. Most recently she was Direct Care Staff at the Mt. Vernon Home. Starting in May, she became Lead Direct Care Staff in our Cascade Home. Rebecca is a single mom to her three children. They live in Lowell and love the town. She says they have four chickens at home and they require a lot of attention.

**In Her Words:**

I am motivated for this Lead position because I'm always looking for ways to improve and push forward in all aspects of my life. I have a large family and have always been the "caretaker/fixer" for them. I believe this helped me become a good fit for the family environment here. I have gained knowledge and many skills over my years at EHL and believe part of being a better person is passing that knowledge onto others so that we all can care for our residents as best as possible. Fun fact: All of my nieces have worked here or still do. EHL is part of our family, too!



**Sri Kosydar** has been with EHL since November of 2020. She has transitioned from her role as Direct Care Staff to Lead Direct Care Staff in the Aspen Home. In her free time, Sri loves to draw, play video games, watch anime, cook, and garden. She shared that she has a cute black kitten that is six months old and named Kaito.

**In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to be more of a helping hand for my coworkers. I love paperwork and organizing. I appreciate spending time with the residents, and they have options for many activities in the home setting that EHL provides for them. I like all of the staff I have worked with at EHL since I have started and everyone here is just wonderful!



**Kaitlyn Sinnett** has worked for EHL since October of 2020. Most recently she was Direct Care Staff at the Willow Home. Starting in May, she became Lead Direct Care Staff in our Cedar Home. Kaitlyn grew up in Lowell, Oregon and she loves camping and her dog, Callion.

**In Her Words:**

I am looking forward to meeting all the new residents that I have not met before and making things easier for the Resident Coordinators. What I like best about EHL is the residents. It is always a blast talking to them! My motivation is helping the residents and making myself step out of my comfort zone. I am super excited to be in this new position.

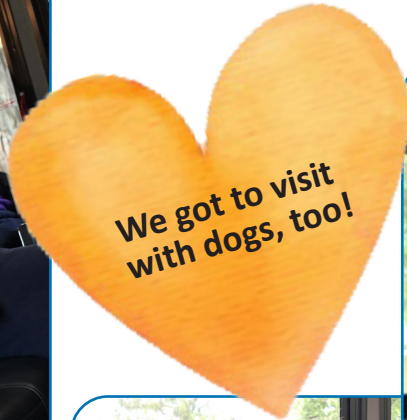
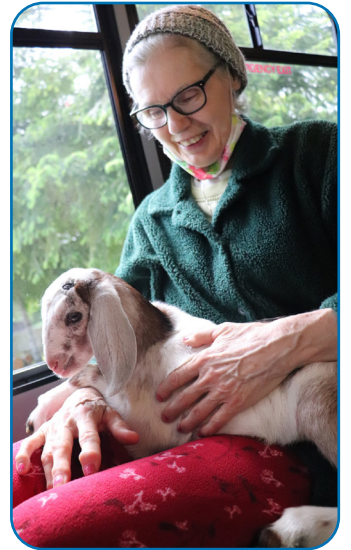
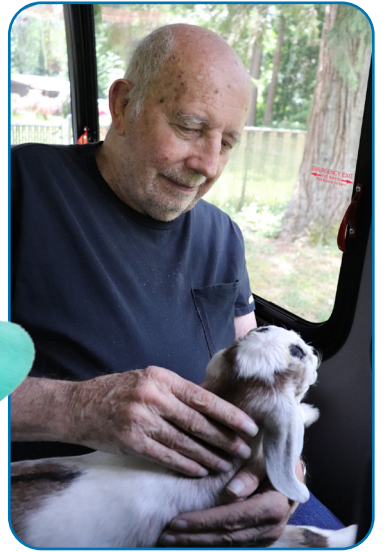


# A Special Outing: Baby Goats!!

Again this month, our residents have been enjoying van rides to a farm up the McKenzie River to visit baby goats owned by one of our employees. This has been a thrill for everyone who has been able to go. We are excited to feature more photos from this fun outing.

*\*We followed all COVID precautions and protocols.*







# In Remembrance



## Russell Piper

Russell came to EHL in August of 2020. Staff in our Mt. Vernon Home shared with us, "Russell was an amazing man. He was always patient and kind to his housemates and to staff. He loved to do puzzles - he would do ones that were 2,000 pieces and he never gave up. He showed nothing but kindness and thankfulness during his time here at EHL. He will be greatly missed by all of the staff at Mt. Vernon." Russell passed away at the age of 85.

## Donna Pence

Donna came to EHL in March of 2021. Kayla Phearson, Resident Coordinator of our Mt. Hood and Diamond Peak Homes, shared with us that, "Donna was a very kind woman full of smiles. We will always remember the way she would light up and smile when she saw her daughter." She will be missed. Donna passed away at the age of 71.



Each month you will see a highlighted section showing the home that won our monthly recycling award.

Congratulations to our Redwood Home for being our **Zero Waste Warriors** for the month of May!

## Marianne's Memo

Always   
**BE POSITIVE!**



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# Important Announcement

If you have called our main office recently, you may have noticed we have a new person answering our phones. We are very excited to announce we have a new Front Desk Administrative Assistant, Jordan Goldsmith! We are also very pleased to inform our families and friends that Trina Downey, who has been at the front desk since 2018, has been promoted to Family Services Assistant based out of the Health Center. Trina will be working directly with Susie Ray, our Family Services Coordinator. We are excited to make this announcement and give you some information about both of these wonderful EHL staff members.

**Trina Downey** started at EHL in November of 2018 as our Front Desk Administrative Assistant. In her time in this position, she has made an amazing impact on our Village. She is amazingly organized and efficient. She is also a warm and compassionate voice over the phone and in person with our staff, residents, families, and other visitors. While we will miss her greatly in the main office, we are excited for her opportunity to grow in her new role as Family Services Assistant. When asked what she is looking forward to about in this new position, Trina shared that she is “excited to learn new facets about EHL and also learn new skills. I like what I do!”

## About Trina:

Trina was born in Torrance, California and spent the majority of her life in different areas of California until moving to Oregon in early 2018. She is the proud mother of three grown children (her youngest graduates from high school this month!) and grandmother to Hailee, who is 9 years old. In her spare time, Trina really enjoys being outside and enjoying nature. She shared that, “Being with my family is a joy for me.”

**Jordan Goldsmith** originally worked at EHL as Direct Care Staff in 2018-2019. He was rehired in early May of this year as our new Front Desk Administrative Assistant. Jordan was able to go through his initial training with incredible speed and skill, and with his charming enthusiasm he has already become a valued member of our EHL team. Jordan stated, “I’m so excited to be back at EHL. It truly feels like I’m coming home after two years of being gone. I look forward to getting to see our beautiful campus every day and to see all the wonderful staff and residents here.” He says his favorite thing about EHL is the people. “Everyone is so welcoming and kind, it truly makes coming to work so enjoyable!”

## About Jordan:

Jordan was born and grew up in Springfield, Oregon. He shared that he met his husband Terry in 2015 and they got married in 2018. Jordan states that Terry is his “best friend partner-in-crime”. They started raising goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, and geese in 2016. In November of 2020, they got a puppy named Mina. In his spare time, Jordan enjoys playing video games and gardening. Fun fact: “I am a huge Funko Pop collector! I have a growing collection of over 400 Funko Pops!”



In case you are wondering... this is a Funko Pop!

