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Share the Care Gala is Moving to Spring 2026

We're taking advantage of this unique year and moving our annual Share the Care Gala to the Spring! What makes 2025 unique? Our Director of Operations, Maggie, went on Maternity leave and welcomed her daughter Juniya in February. We began a search for a new Development Director in May, and we learned that the new Mobile Medical Clinic was set to arrive next Spring and could be ready for a big reveal. When you combine those details with the great timing for our own fiscal year, the choice was clear.

Please mark your calendars for our new date: **May 30th 2026**

If you're interested in hosting a table at the Gala next Spring, please contact Molly at mollyd@lahai.org



Juniya loves being surrounded by the outdoors just like her mom and dad!

New Director Update

In June we welcomed Molly Delamarter to the staff as our new Director of Development. Molly is a Washington native, currently living in Kirkland with her husband, children, and two dogs. Her family enjoys all things outdoors including hiking, camping, and mountain biking all over the Northwest. Attending Seattle Pacific University and the University of Washington, Molly began her career as a High School teacher before taking some time away from work to raise her kids. More recently, Molly has spent 10 years in Non-profit leadership and fundraising, as both volunteer and employee, and brings a love of community engagement to each of her roles. Molly is passionate about supporting underserved communities and is inspired by Lahai's commitment to treat every human life as valuable and worthy of respect.

The Counseling Center is Open for Business

Lahai is proud to continue to provide free counselling appointments and believes that early intervention is the key to long-term wellness. Though Lahai has offered mental health counseling for 12 years, our counsellors have never had a dedicated office. That's why we are so excited to share that just last week was the first time that the counsellors were able to meet in the new space and take it all in!

Here is an initial reflection from Robert Deeble, Licensed Mental Health Counselor:

"I have been at Lahai since at least 2008 and in all those years we have never had facilities of our own. So it is with great pleasure and a dream come true that North Seattle Church has created an actual fixed site for us. I think while I had significant input in the initial design of these spaces I have mostly stepped out of the way during the actual construction and this was probably due to knowing how often construction projects go beyond their initial target dates so I had not wanted to get my hopes up. But now that it is done and really designed just as we had envisioned it I am overwhelmed with joy at its creation.

This will be a sacred place for many people in the years to come to begin to tell their stories in a safe and empathetic place. A place that clients may claim a renewed vision of hope for their lives and the sense that a strong hand of love was hidden all along in their shadows."

Directed by Robert and Supervised by Kelsey Law, the new counselling center is open for appointments while also providing training and supervision to master level students seeking licensure.



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"Low/No cost counseling saved my life and marriage after my poor choices nearly destroyed both, I want to support those who gave me the hope to build a new life."

You could help provide a lifesaving (or marriage saving!) counseling visit and provide hope to a patient like this one by becoming a monthly donor. Your monthly gift of \$35 will provide 6 counselling appointments this year, making a significant difference in someone's life. As a monthly donor, you become a part of our special community of dedicated supporters. With your consistent support, we can plan for the future and ensure that our programs have the resources they need to create lasting change. Simply select 'monthly donation' on our giving page lahai.org. As you make your gift you can say a prayer that God would bless that appointment like he did with the patient above and help another person on the path to a healthy, full life.

Visit [Lahai.org/give](https://lahai.org/give) to become a monthly donor today!