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You Did It!

Thank you to all of you who stepped up to fill in the gap for our annual Gala and show up for our patients in such a big way!

As changes in the healthcare landscape are projected to leave more individuals in our community without insurance next year, we set an ambitious goal to raise \$250,000. Together you all exceeded that goal, took advantage of matching dollars, and raised over \$262,000 to help us meet the growing need! Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Partner Spotlight: Bethany Compassion Center & Bombas Socks

You may have heard of Bombas, a basics apparel brand with a mission to help those in need. The company was originally founded in 2013 because socks are the #1 most requested clothing item at homeless shelters. For every item purchased, a specially designed pair of socks is donated to the homeless community through partners. Lahai is honored to be one of their partners, receiving and distributing socks through some of our clinic locations, including the Bethany Compassion Center in Everett.

This year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition made a startling statement, “In no state in the U.S. can a full-time worker earning the federal minimum wage afford a modest two-bedroom rental”. Recently we saw this harsh reality when a family of five came to the Bethany Compassion Center desperate for help. They had recently been evicted. The father had been supporting his family as a construction worker but is now in late-stage kidney failure, on a transplant list and can no longer work. The mother works as much as she can cleaning houses and doing restaurant work, but it is not enough. They have three beautiful children between the ages of 6 and 14 who were getting ready to start school. Thankfully, Bethany and Lahai were able to help provide a variety of resources. Among other things, each of the children received three brand new pairs of Bombas socks.



Lahai’s Vision is to bring life-giving physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness through partnering with our community.

It is through partnerships that we can more fully meet the needs of our patients. 13% of Lahai’s patients report that they are homeless or have unstable housing, many of them sharing stories of working multiple part-time or odd jobs at once while still being unable to find stable housing. This is known as being “under-employed;” having one or more jobs that still do not add up to a living wage. Through caring partners like the Bethany Compassion Center, Bombas, (and you!) we can achieve so much more for our patients and their families than we ever could on our own.



From our Executive Director

As some of you know, I will be retiring as Executive Director of Lahai at the end of 2025. Since sharing my plans last fall, our Board of Directors has been engaged in a thoughtful and thorough process to select the next leader to guide this ministry forward.

I am deeply grateful to each of you. Your generosity and partnership have made it possible for Lahai to grow and serve in remarkable ways. As I look back on the last seven years, I am struck at what we've been able to accomplish. Together, we've built a strong team, doubled our staff members, expanded our volunteer base, and added medical clinics at Alderwood, Bethany, and Casino Road. We've increased our counseling interns from five to seven, remodeled the medical and dental clinics, opened a Counseling Center, and look forward to the new MMC being delivered this March. Our operating revenue has more than doubled, alongside two successful capital campaigns, with generous supporters and partners giving as a testament to their belief in our work.

God has guided and blessed this ministry, and I know the future of Lahai is bright with an experienced and committed staff serving alongside a growing volunteer team. As I look toward the next season, eager for more time with my family and grandchildren, I am filled with hope for the future of Lahai. I hope you will join me in welcoming new leadership that will ensure the future of this ministry remains vibrant and strong.

In His service, Dave Eller

A Fond Farewell

Please join the staff and volunteers at Lahai for a casual afternoon together to celebrate Dave's time with us and wish him well in his retirement.

Join us at the Community Life Center in Lynnwood
on January 8th, 2026 from 4:00 – 6:00pm.



Mark your calendars for a Christmas concert benefitting Lahai Health. You won't want to miss a joyful season celebration featuring a delightful mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas music for all ages.