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Emily Sepulveda Wheeland (she/her) is the CEO of The Delores Project (TDP), located on the ancestral and unceded land of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Ute Nations in Denver, Colorado. TDP is named after Delores Big Boy, a Lakota Sioux woman who experienced chronic homelessness in Denver and died on its streets in 1999.

In her memory, TDP operates a 24-7, housing-focused shelter with wrap-around services for women, transgender, and nonbinary adults and a supportive housing community for formerly homeless individuals with a disability. Emily has a Master's degree in Social Justice and Ethics from Iliff School of Theology, is a 2018 StartingBloc Leadership and Social Innovation Fellow, and has worked at TDP since 2015 in a variety of roles. At her core, she is an artist whose work and way of being in the world are informed by the belief that we belong to each other.

