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Isabella Dell'Oca is the Executive Director of the Lotus House Women's Shelter, the largest women's shelter in the country. She began her career after graduation from Loyola University Chicago, where she got her degrees in Social Work and International Relations. Passionate about making a lasting impact on her community, she joined Lotus House's Employment and Education team, later transitioning to Community Outreach. She was very involved in the development of Lotus Village, home to Lotus House, designed as a mixed-use "village" combining state of the art shelter facilities and holistic, trauma-informed, supportive services to heal, nurture and uplift children and families experiencing homelessness.

When the facility opened she became the Deputy Director of Programming, overseeing all aspects of arts and activities, employment and education initiatives. Her leadership skills led to her promotion to Director and subsequently, Executive Director. Along with a team of 130, who are widely recognized as the best in the field, thousands of lives have been transformed to date and will continue to be transformed for generations to come.