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Heather Hilligoss is the Program Director at Rose Haven, a day shelter and community center dedicated to assisting women, children and marginalized genders in the Portland, Oregon metro area. With a strong background in public health and a passion for community empowerment, Heather has made a significant impact on the organization. Heather's journey with Rose Haven began while she pursued her degree in Public Health, where she had the opportunity to contribute as a Development intern.

Recognizing the importance of Rose Haven's mission, she decided to deepen her involvement and joined the staff as the BLOOM Wellness Program Coordinator. In this role, Heather cultivated valuable partnerships with various community organizations to offer a diverse range of activities focused on promoting health and wellness among Rose Haven's guests. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Heather quickly adapted her role within the agency to address the urgent needs of the most vulnerable members of the community.

Stepping into the position of Program Manager, she led Rose Haven's efforts to provide critical emergency services to the women and marginalized genders who were living outside. With compassion and determination, Heather played a crucial role in ensuring these individuals received the support and care they desperately needed during this challenging time.

In her current capacity as Program Director, Heather has guided Rose Haven through a period of growth, including the transition to a new facility in the spring of 2022, the safe return of guests indoors, and expanded community building and empowerment activities. Throughout her career, Heather has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advocating for and amplifying the voices of the women and marginalized genders served by Rose Haven. With her dedicated team at Rose Haven, she continues to make a positive impact in the lives of individuals facing homelessness, poverty, and other disruptive life challenges, working tirelessly to create a more inclusive and supportive community for all.

