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New Small Business Advisor for Edmonds and Snohomish County

Janet Toth Joins Staff of Small Business Development Center

(Edmonds, WA) - Janet Toth, a longtime business advisor in Maine and more recently in the Lake Stevens area, has joined the Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Snohomish County office.

As a member of the Snohomish County SBDC office in Everett, Ms. Toth will be meeting one-on-one with entrepreneurs from throughout the County who wish to start, grow or transition a business. While business owners in Edmonds may call upon her free services at any time, in addition Ms. Toth will be providing Edmonds clients more localized attention by seeing clients here two days each month at Edmonds City Hall.

Toth said she is looking forward to working proactively with clients to help them meet their goals, and then celebrating their successes. "I enjoy helping people take ownership of their dreams," she said.

"We are thrilled that Janet has joined the SBDC staff and has already hit the ground running here in Edmonds with twice-monthly local office hours directly serving local small business owners," remarked Edmonds Economic Development Director Patrick Doherty. "SBDC services are free of charge, yet are invaluable in terms of the insight, assistance and coaching provided."

While working in finance and economic development in Eastern Maine, Toth often referred clients to the Maine SBDC for business counseling. Now, she said, she is happy to be an SBDC advisor herself.

“The SBDC has such deep pockets of knowledge and experience,” she said. “It’s not just me out there working with a client, I have a whole team behind me and I like that very much.”

Toth has more than 28 years of experience in finance, economic development and business consulting, and was an SBA advisory council member for four years. She earned an undergraduate degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Maine.

She and her husband, Gary, moved from Maine to Washington in 2017 to be close to their infant granddaughter. Other members of the family have since joined them. “We love it here,” she said. “In Snohomish County, everything you want or need is within five or six miles,” she said. “The abundance and diversity of small businesses that are here is amazing.”

The Snohomish County SBDC shares office space with the Economic Alliance Snohomish County and is located at 808 134th St. SW, Suite 101, in Everett.

For more information about the Washington SBDC, go to <https://wsbdc.org>

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