



# Who is Lucinda Elizabeth Stewart Boyce?

## A legacy of care in San Juan County.

San Juan County Health & Community Services (HCS) has named their community wellness van after Lucinda Elizabeth Stewart Boyce (1835-1916). Lucinda Boyce served as a community leader on San Juan Island and as a role model for hundreds of women who braved the strenuous conditions of the island's early settlement years. She arrived on San Juan Island in 1860 and served as a compassionate nurse and midwife, delivering more than 500 babies and venturing out in any weather to care for the sick and injured. She would ride horseback or drive a buggy over harsh terrain, paddle a canoe or take a rowboat to Orcas, Shaw, Stuart, or Waldron. HCS believes their team of public health staff carry on Lucinda's mission and embody her determination, indomitable spirit, warmth, joy of living, and kindness for all persons—working to overcome all obstacles and promote wellness for those living in the San Juan Islands.



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<https://www.sanjuanco.com/1917/Luci-B-Community-Wellness-Van>