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Dear Friends,

I am finishing my first few months as the executive director of Philomath Community Services and there is much to reflect on. My first experience with PCS was receiving a food box for my family from Nancy Flegal in 1986. In 1998 I joined the board of directors, became Board chair and for the next five years I led the efforts to establish a new home for PCS's programs. It is very rewarding to return to this amazing organization after two decades.

Our building is a beehive of activity six days a week providing assistance to the residents of West Benton County and the surrounding region. The aftermath of the pandemic has created greater need than ever as funding and resources from outside our communities have shrunk or disappeared. Our operational costs have increased at the same time. Despite the challenges we have successfully accomplished our mission in the past year.

- We are serving more people than ever through the efforts of a large & dedicated group of volunteers.
- A new cooler was added to facilitate the storage and distribution of more fresh, locally grown produce donated by farmers, gardeners and retailers.
- We added multiple Outreach & Education programs that provided information to our recipients and the broader community.
- The addition of an executive director positions PCS to plan for the future in new quarters with expanded services.

We are excited for the next chapter in our organization's development setting the stage for expanded programming and a new facility to better serve our community and our region.

Our current work has been made possible through your generous support. We greatly appreciate your investment in our mission and look forward to you continuing that investment in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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