



***Philomath Community Services
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Dear Friends,

We Celebrate:

- 50 years of service to the people of Philomath and West Benton County.
- The resilience and courage of the people and community we serve.
- Volunteers who make everything we do possible.
- The bounty of our area farms, the farmers & their workers whose donations allow us to provide high quality nutritious food to our recipients for much of the year.
- The support of a caring and generous community.
- Our first successful fundraising dinner in August.
- Donors and businesses that value our work and contribute on a regular basis.

We are Challenged by:

- Cuts to Federal programs that have resulted in a loss of over 20% of our food supply from Linn Benton Food Share.
- An increasing number of families and individuals seeking assistance.
- The maintenance costs of an over two-decade old building.
- The need for additional volunteers & Board members to help us meet our mission.
- Providing necessary support to our recipients who are dealing with cuts & new requirements to receive the support they need to survive.

This quote from Melissa Miyashiro, President and CEO of Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations sums it up for Philomath Community Services as well:

"We have this convergence of crisis. And the potential cuts to Medicaid, to SNAP benefits, and all these incredible services that support our community, that just means increased demand for services. We're juggling all of those simultaneously."

I have been an anti-hunger and anti-poverty advocate working across Oregon, nationally and internationally for four decades. I believe the current situation is the most challenging scenario we have faced in my lifetime.

Please take time to review the following flyer and consider how you can support Philomath Community Services and the people we serve. Contact us if you would like to tour PCS or learn more about how you can help.

Sincerely,

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