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Hello,

My name is Tia Hatton. I was born and raised in Bend, Oregon and attended the University of Oregon. While I am currently living and working in Flagstaff, Arizona while my partner earns his PhD, We plan to return to Oregon and I remain invested in seeing and supporting investments in strengthening our community's resilience in times of disasters, and during normal times.

I've had the pleasure of witnessing funding jump start three community resilience hubs here in Flagstaff. The program is enabling upgrades to existing important community centers, investing in staff time where they've never had strong financial investments, are each already hosting community led skills event and just other connection events. One of them is strengthening a pre existing mobile hub called C.A.Ts. During the LA wildfires, our community, like many others, thought of how we'd respond and where'd we go. Around the same time, the statewide wildfire risk maps were released and I looked at where my parents and sisters home were, they live in NE Bend and my parents have been evacuated twice in the last five years due to brush fires. I then think of my family in Corvallis, Eugene, and Beaverton and think of the resilience needed if the Cascadia earthquake hits.

There are many, many reasons to support and invest in community resilience hubs. As someone seeing these existing community centers being funded well and equipped with necessary tools to build community skills, connections and to ensure their safety during disaster, I can't recommend them enough.

Thank you,
Tia Hatton