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On Behalf Of:

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This support of \$4.9 Million above the Governor's Recommended Budget to sustain services to over 2,300 children and families in Oregon and reach up to 300 additional children statewide.

An investment in Relief Nurseries pays for itself over time including 1) All funds are matched at least 25% with local community funds and 2) Relief Nursery services have an estimated \$2-\$4 return on investment through improving educational outcomes, reducing healthcare, child protection and justice costs and increased future tax income from families accessing the program.

Relief Nursery services are unique in the fact that they provide individualized support to families when they need it most, and allow the family to build stronger relationships and natural supports in their community.

Please support this investment to support families who most need us to stand by them through difficult times.

Bettina Schempf, Executive Director - Old Mill Center for Children and Families with Relief Nursery locations in Corvallis and Monroe, serving Benton County