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November 14, 2024

The Canby Center
ATTN: Ray Keen, Executive Director
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Subject: Letter of Support for The Canby Center Capital Campaign

As a Clackamas County Commissioner, I am writing to express my strong support for The Canby Center's (the Center) capital campaign to close the funding gap. The Center is an invaluable asset to our community, providing essential services to countless low-income and extremely low-income residents.

I have witnessed firsthand the critical role the Center plays in our community. Their dedication to serving those in need is unwavering, and their impact is far-reaching. In the past 12 months alone, The Center has provided over 32,000 services at no cost to our most vulnerable residents.

The Center's programs are essential to the well-being of our community. Their Reading Mentors program actively strengthens learning effectiveness for children in Canby schools, providing one-on-one reading time with adult mentors for emerging readers. Currently, this program serves 140 students. Additionally, the Backpack Buddies program provides food packs each Friday for over 300 food-insecure children, ensuring they have access to nutritious meals. The Quest youth mentoring program offers one-on-one tutoring to strengthen core class skills for middle school children, empowering them to succeed academically.

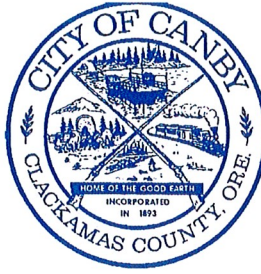
Furthermore, the Center has provided over 20,000 meals to local residents in need through their Harvest Share food distribution, hot lunches served four days each week, and emergency food boxes for those with urgent food needs. These programs alleviate hunger and food insecurity, ensuring that our community members have access to the nourishment they need to thrive.

The Center's capital campaign will enable them to expand their services, improve their facilities, and better serve our community. By closing the funding gap, we can ensure that this vital organization continues to provide essential support to those who need it most. An investment in this organization, is an investment in the future of our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Schrader, Commissioner
Clackamas County



October 25, 2024

Re: Request for \$1.3 Million Allocation to Support The Canby Center Capital Campaign

To Whom it may Concern:

I write to you today as Mayor of Canby, Oregon, to formally request your support for a \$1.3 million allocation to bridge the funding gap for The Canby Center's \$10 million building project. This essential project will significantly enhance the Center's capacity to serve our community's most vulnerable residents.

The Canby Center (TCC) is a vital resource for our city, providing critical services such as food assistance, housing support, life skills training, and youth programs. Their dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to address the needs of individuals and families facing poverty, homelessness, and other challenges.

The proposed expansion and renovation of The Canby Center will enable the organization to significantly expand their services, extending help to a growing number of people in need. This project will create a state-of-the-art facility that will better serve our community for years to come.

By investing in The Canby Center, the State of Oregon will be investing in the future of Canby. This project will not only benefit our community but will also contribute to the overall well-being of the state, as TCC continues to serve as a model of effective local human services programs.

I urge you to consider this request favorably and allocate the necessary funds to support this important initiative. Your support will make a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals and families in our community.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



October 16, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to offer my strong support for The Canby Center, an organization that plays a crucial role in addressing the poverty challenges faced by families and youth in our rural community. As Co-Executive Producer of the Harefest Music Festival, Business Owner at The Wild Hare Saloon, Oregon City, and the Wild Hare Saloon, Canby, I have seen firsthand the transformative impact of The Canby Center.

The Canby Center stands out for its commitment to personal responsibility. Rather than offering handouts, the Center empowers participants to take an active role in improving their lives, fostering dignity and accountability. Through personalized, relational programs, The Canby Center provides immediate support—like food and clothing—while also offering long-term resources such as tutoring, mentoring, and workplace skills.

This model of neighbors helping neighbors is foundational to The Canby Center's work. The Center operates on the belief that everyone has something to give and receive, and this creates a powerful dynamic of shared abundance. To continue serving families and youth for decades to come, a fully equipped and optimized facility is essential.

The Canby Center provides a hand-up, not a handout. Its programs require commitment from participants, helping them build better futures while strengthening the broader community. I am proud to support their mission to renew dignity and inspire learning, and I wholeheartedly believe in the lasting impact they are making.

Please give thoughtful care to supporting their building expansion which will serve the region and serve as a model for other Oregon communities for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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October 29, 2024

Subject: Urgent Request for State Funding for The Canby Center

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my endorsement for The Canby Center and to urge you to allocate funding for the completion of their current expansion project.

As a longtime resident of Canby and a business leader in the community, with over 25 years of logistics and program manager at a national construction company, as well as extensive leadership in local service organizations such as Providence Willamette Falls Medical Foundation and Rotary Club of Canby, I have witnessed firsthand the invaluable services The Canby Center provides to our most vulnerable citizens.

The Canby Center serves as a vital hub of resources for individuals and families facing poverty, homelessness, and other challenges. Their programs offer essential services such as:

- **Food Pantry:** Providing nutritious food to those in need, ensuring families have access to basic necessities.
- **Clothing:** Supplying clothing and essential items to individuals and families, helping them maintain dignity and self-respect.
- **Youth Education Services:** Offering programs such as Reading Mentors- weekly reading opportunities with an adult mentor for emerging readers, Quest- a middle-school aged mentoring program, and Backpack Buddies- food packs for food insecure students of all ages.
- **Life Skills classes:** Basic finance, tax prep, sewing, ESL, and others
- **Community Outreach:** Connecting individuals with other resources and services, ensuring they have access to the support they need.

The Canby Center's work is essential to the well-being of our community. By providing a safety net for those in crisis, they help to prevent homelessness, reduce crime, and improve overall quality of life. Over the last twelve months alone, The Canby Center has provided over 32,000 services at no charge to the most underserved in our community.

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Furthermore, their programs contribute to a stronger and more resilient community by empowering individuals to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

I urge you to consider the significant impact that The Canby Center has on our community and to allocate the necessary funding to ensure its continued success. By investing in The Canby Center, you are investing in the future of Canby and the well-being of its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Tony Helbling
Chair

Providence Willamette Falls Medical Foundation

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Brad Henry
Chief Executive Officer
Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center
Providence Milwaukie Medical Center