



# Season's Greetings

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Dear Friend of Grace Center,

We hope this letter finds you and all who you love healthy and well. Grace Center's team of staff and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to **update you on how our center is doing and share the ways you can continue to support Grace Center, our participants, and their families.**

First, we want to update you on our **Here to Stay Capital Campaign**. As many of you know, Grace Center embarked on a one million dollar capital campaign in 2015 to purchase the beautiful 11,000 square foot building we had been renting since 2006. Fast forward to present day and we have since made the down payment, purchased the building through bridge financing, and raised over \$750,000! This has been made possible by grant writing but also by generous donations from many of you (thank you!!). **We are hoping to raise the last 25% and retire the debt completely** in the near future.

One opportunity of our *Here to Stay* campaign is room naming. In 2018, we had a naming campaign for our center's library in honor of founding board member Betty McCauley. This year we hosted one in memory of Alexis Walker, who was a dedicated Grace Center board member and highly esteemed researcher at Oregon State University. Thanks to a \$10,000 match from Dr. Cynthia Nobel, this campaign raised over \$20,000 and we are proud to rename Grace Center's conference room the **Alexis J. Walker Community Room**.

We now have a new opportunity for those who have not given to the campaign yet or would like to give again. Thanks to our current board and several Emeritus board members, we are excited to announce that **we have another \$10,000 match!** Any donation to the capital campaign that comes in before the end of the year will be matched dollar for dollar up to ten thousand dollars. We have 100% board giving in this campaign and invite you to join our board in helping Grace Center fully pay off our building and leave us without any mortgage or obligations! If you would like to make a donation to the capital campaign, please make a note on the remit envelope or type "Capital Campaign" in the "In honor of" section if donating online.

As for our center, as of September 1st, the Department of Human Services has allowed all adult day centers in Oregon to **re-open with "alternative services"**. This includes limited in-person services at the center and telehealth. In-person services allow for no more than two participants to be at the center at one time and they must be in separate areas of the building. We offer morning and afternoon half days, allowing us to serve four participants in-person per day. Telehealth includes virtual nursing services such as health evaluations and care conferences as well as live virtual group activity and exercise classes. Grace Center offers two telehealth classes per day on weekdays: exercise at 10am and activities at 1pm.

Grace Center is committed to following the guidelines mandated by the State, while providing as many services as possible to our participants and their families. Unfortunately, despite our dedication and willingness to be flexible, we are barely scratching the surface of the need for our services, and the limitations placed on the services we are presently able to offer are impacting our revenues. **Now, more than ever, we could use your support.** Thanks to careful planning and good stewardship, we are confident Grace Center will be able to withstand these hardships, although our continued strength relies on your continued support. So, **whether you give to our Here to Stay capital campaign, to our general operating fund, or to both, every gift helps.** Thank you for standing with Grace Center in these difficult times and thank you for remembering your fellow community members who are especially impacted by this pandemic: seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.

With Gratitude,  GRACE CENTER  
For Adult Day Services