

Catholic Community Services

*We champion the positive development of children and adults,
strengthen families and build community.*

February 13, 2024

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support from Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley for funding of the Greater Woodburn Opportunity Center. As part of our Mission to strengthen families and build community, we see the Greater Woodburn Opportunity Center as a future hub of multicultural and intergenerational gatherings, connections, and spiritual renewal.

As an organization who works closely with at-risk families in Woodburn neighborhoods, we recognize the community's need for affordable housing, affordable community gathering spaces, a single location where residents can access a wide array of social services, and a site that allows service providers to reach those in greatest need. We have seen the success and benefits of facilities such as this across Oregon, including in our own *Seymour Center* in Salem.

Catholic Community Services fully supports the fund-raising efforts for the Greater Woodburn Opportunity Center. As community providers dedicated to serving children and families, we see this as an important opportunity to meet the needs of the community.

Sincerely,



Joshua K. Graves, CEO
Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley

