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Blanchet House Will Break Ground on Redevelopment of Blanchet Farm Addiction Recovery Facility

May 15, 2023 -- Blanchet House will host a ceremony to commemorate the groundbreaking of a new facility at Blanchet Farm in Carlton, OR on May 31, 2023. The event will be attended by Blanchet leadership, supporters, and community leaders.

A new \$9 million, more than 14,000 square feet mix-use facility, will benefit the community by providing a pathway for up to 21 men to overcome addiction and homelessness. There will be offices for social ventures to support the nonprofit mission of the farm, a state-of-the-art kitchen and dining area, space for job skills education, as well as communal areas for the community. The communal areas will provide room for Yamhill County residents to attend on-site Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings.

“Our farm program has been incredibly successful at helping people change their lives for the better. But the facilities are worn out. They were not designed with a recovery program in mind,” says Scott Kerman, Blanchet House’s Executive Director. “What we’ve learned is that helping someone become housed takes time, a safe place, and individualized support.”

The new farm facility will operate using clean solar energy. Blanchet House was selected by Portland General Electric’s 2022 Renewable Development Fund to receive a grant for a solar energy program at the farm. The Renewable Development Fund, which awards grants for clean energy projects in the community, is fully funded by PGE’s Green FutureSM customers.

Schommer & Sons are the general contractors and SERA Architects are the project architects. Major funders for this project include the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care, PGE Renewable Development Fund, the Joseph E Weston Foundation, and HEDCO Foundation, along with other generous supporters.

The groundbreaking event is open to the media.

What/When: Blanchet Farm Groundbreaking, May 31, 2023, 10 a.m.

Where: Blanchet Farm, 11750 NE Finn Hill Loop, Carlton, OR 97111

About Blanchet House

Blanchet House is a nonprofit social services organization located in Old Town Portland with a residential farm in Carlton, Oregon. It makes a difference, one relationship at a time, through food, clothing, and supportive transitional shelter programs.