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## **Blanchet House Announces Campaign to Rebuild Facilities for Addiction Recovery at Blanchet Farm**

Oct. 2, 2023 -- The public phase of Blanchet House's campaign to rebuild Blanchet Farm, located Carlton, OR, begins today. The *Building Pathways Home* campaign aims to raise \$9 million by the Fall of 2024 with construction already underway.

Ground was broken for a more than 14,000 square feet mix-use facility on May 31, 2023. The new building will benefit the rural and urban community by providing a pathway for up to 25 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 facility will operate using clean solar energy thanks to a grant from Portland General Electric's 2022 Renewable Development Fund. The Renewable Development Fund, which awards grants for clean energy projects in the community, is fully funded by PGE's Green Future<sup>SM</sup> customers. Schommer & Sons are the general contractors and SERA Architects are the project architects.

In announcing the public phase of the campaign, Blanchet House announced that \$6 million has been raised toward the total goal of \$9 million. The total major gifts from 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.

In support of the public phase, on Oct. 3, Blanchet House will participate in a day of giving with live interviews throughout the day on KATU Channel 2 in Portland. For more information on the Building Pathways Home campaign, visit the campaign website at <https://blanchethouse.org/blanchet-farm-capital-campaign>. *Photos attached.*