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Heatherington Foundation Gifts \$1.25 Million for Expansion of Blanchet Farm’s Addiction Recovery Program

Yamhill County, OR [September 09, 2024] -- Blanchet House received a \$1.25 million gift from the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care, led by Dr. Jeff Heatherington, the foundation’s CEO and president of FamilyCare Health. The gift helped to fund a new 14,000 square feet, 24-bed facility at Blanchet Farm to expand its addiction recovery program located in Yamhill County which opened this summer.

The Heatherington Foundation's lead gift for Blanchet Farm’s Building Pathways Home Campaign ensured the success of this project,” says Scott Kerman, Blanchet House Executive Director. “Dr. Heatherington’s and the Foundation’s generous support for Blanchet Farm will help hundreds if not thousands of men struggling with addiction to find hope and restore their lives.”

Founded in 1962 by Blanchet House, the farm offers a unique hands-on approach to addiction recovery by immersing participants in meaningful work with animals, in gardens, and a woodshop.

The Heatherington Foundation is extending critical support as the urgent need for addiction recovery spaces grows in Oregon and across the nation. Now open, the new facility provides a pathway to overcoming addiction and homelessness that benefits participants' families, communities, and the state of Oregon.

Dr. Heatherington, LHD (Hon), founded FamilyCare Health in 1984, a nonprofit organization that coordinated health benefits for approximately 115,000 Medicaid and Medicare members in Oregon, and led it as president for more than 40 years. FamilyCare Health created the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care in 2014.

Ground was broken for the new \$9 million mix-use facility on May 31, 2023. A grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2024. There are offices for social ventures to support the farm's nonprofit mission, a state-of-the-art kitchen and dining area, space for job skills education, and communal areas for families and the local community. The communal areas provide room for Yamhill County residents to attend on-site Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings.

The new farm facility operates 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.

To learn more about Blanchet Farm and how you can contribute to the fundraising campaign, please visit <https://blanchethouse.org/blanchet-farm-residential-recovery-program/>

Note: High-resolution images of Jeff Heatherington at Blanchet Farm are available upon request. For inquiries, please contact Julie Showers at 917-620-7627 or email jshowers@gmail.com



Photo caption: On June 4, 2024, Dr. Jeff Heatherington visited Blanchet Farm where his \$1.25 million gift was used to transform and expand the facilities for addiction recovery. (Photo by Steve Cook/BlanchetHouse)