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## **Grand Opening of New Addiction Recovery Facility at Blanchet Farm in Yamhill County**

Sept. 05, 2024 -- Blanchet House will host a ceremony to commemorate the grand opening of its new facility at Blanchet Farm in Carlton, OR on Sept. 12, 2024. The event will be attended by Blanchet leadership, donors, community leaders, and residents of the farm's program.

The recently constructed 14,000 square foot mix-use facility, will provide a safe and supportive place for up to 21 men to overcome addiction and homelessness. Demand for inclusion into the farm's unique rural program led the organization to embark on this ambitious project. There are now offices for social ventures like the farm's honey and woodshop that will 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 will provide an elevated living space. The communal areas will provide room for Yamhill County residents to attend on-site Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings.

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 Future<sup>SM</sup> 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 Foundation, ECHO 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 Grand Opening, Sept. 12, 2024, 10 -11 a.m.; Ribbon cutting will happen closer to 11 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.