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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MEMO



A NEW YEAR OF GRATITUDE: REFLECTING ON THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT AS WE ENTER A NEW YEAR, IT'S A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT WE'VE HAD TOGETHER, THE CHALLENGES WE'VE FACED, AND THE WAY WE'VE SUPPORTED ONE ANOTHER. THE START OF THIS NEW YEAR ALSO BRINGS AN EXCITING REMINDER OF THE POWER OF THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR RECENT FUNDRAISER FOR THE FREEZER REPLACEMENT. THIS FUNDRAISER WAS MORE THAN JUST ABOUT REPLACING A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT; IT BECAME A POWERFUL REMINDER OF HOW FAR WE'VE COME, AND HOW MUCH WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUPPORTERS.

WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THIS NEW FUNDRAISER WITHOUT FIRST ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONUMENTAL CHANGE THAT OUR PREVIOUS FUNDRAISER MADE TO OUR ORGANIZATION. THE VAN HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF A BLESSING. IT HAS ALLOWED US TO PICK UP DONATIONS, TRANSPORT FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK, AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO THOSE IN NEED. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT HAS BROUGHT US THE ABILITY TO OFFER A HELPING HAND TO SO MANY IN WAYS WE COULD ONLY DREAM OF BEFORE.

THE VAN HAS OPENED DOORS. IT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO BRING GUESTS INTO THEIR NEW HOMES, WITH MUCH-NEEDED FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES. IT HAS TURNED OUR VISION OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY INTO TANGIBLE ACTION. EVERY MILE DRIVEN, EVERY DONATION PICKED UP, AND EVERY PERSON WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HELP HAS BEEN A DIRECT RESULT OF YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR GENEROSITY HAS TRANSFORMED NOT JUST THE LOGISTICS OF OUR WORK BUT THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE.

WE ARE DEEPLY HUMBLLED BY THE WAY OUR COMMUNITY HAS RALLIED BEHIND US. THE CHANGES WE'VE EXPERIENCED, THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED, AND THE IMPACT WE'VE MADE—NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU. WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW COLLECTIVE EFFORTS CAN SPARK TRUE TRANSFORMATION.

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR, WE ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE. WE ARE REMINDED THAT OUR WORK IS FAR FROM OVER, BUT TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE MAKING AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT. EVERY FUNDRAISER, EVERY DONATION, EVERY VOLUNTEER HOUR, IT ALL MATTERS. TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A FUTURE WHERE CARE AND SHARE CAN REACH EVEN MORE PEOPLE AND PROVIDE EVEN MORE HOPE.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS JOURNEY. YOUR BELIEF IN US AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION HAS NOT ONLY HELPED US MEET OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS BUT HAS TRANSFORMED THE WAY WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. HERE'S TO CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE,
CAROLINA DIAZ





SURVEY



IN 2025, THE CARE & SHARE OF CROOKSTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS CREATING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING THE SPECIFIC PRIORITIES THE ORGANIZATION WILL FOCUS ON IN THE NEXT ONE TO THREE YEARS. THE SURVEY IS CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD TAKE LESS THAN 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE. PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS BY ANSWERING THE SURVEY QUESTIONS. YOUR RESPONSES WILL PROVIDE OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH VALUABLE INSIGHTS AS WE DETERMINE THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES THAT WILL GUIDE OUR WORK IN THE COMING YEARS. YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS REFLECTS OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY.](#)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY FRIDAY, APRIL 11.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND THIS SURVEY ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CAREANDSHARECRK.ORG



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CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTOR
CARE & SHARE OF CROOKSTON, INC.



RECOGNIZING DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS



LIVED EXPERIENCE STORY

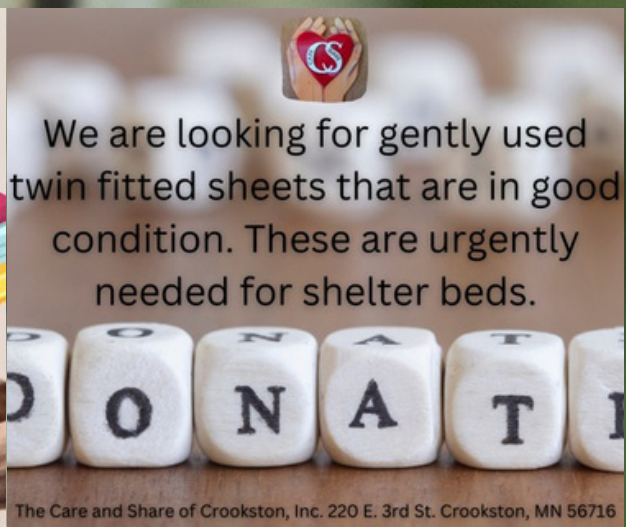


I LEFT MY FIANCÉ IN NORTHFIELD, MN, I HELPED HER RUN A NON-PROFIT WITH HER. "CARING HEARTS IN ACTION" (LOCATED IN FARMINGTON, MN) THAT HELPED WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT VERY HEALTHY, SO I DECIDED TO LEAVE THE SITUATION WHICH LEFT ME HOMELESS.

I THEN WENT TO A BOARD AND LODGE IN TWO HARBORS FOR A FEW MONTHS, UNTIL IT ENDED UP GETTING SHUT DOWN. I THEN WENT TO STAY IN ANOTHER SITUATION THAT WAS NOT IDEAL, FROM THERE I CAME HERE. I WOULD SAY THE CARE AND SHARE IS NOT SET UP LIKE YOUR AVERAGE HOMELESS SHELTER. THEY HAVE GREAT PROGRAMMING. AT FIRST, I WASN'T SURE ABOUT THE CD COUNSELING PROGRAM UNTIL I STARTED GETTING USED TO THE STRUCTURE. I FEEL IT REALLY HELPS PEOPLE GET THEIR STUFF TOGETHER, INTO FINDING THEIR OWN PLACE. GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AND STARTING OVER. WHAT WAS MOST HELPFUL FOR ME WHILE STAYING AT THE CARE AND SHARE WAS THE PROGRAMMING FOR HOUSING, UTILIZING THE DONATION ROOM. ALSO KNOWING THE FOOD SHELF IS THERE. AFTER FINDING MY OWN PLACE I KNOW THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THAT AS WELL. I HAVE ALSO HELPED VOLUNTEER IN THE DONATION ROOM AND FOOD SHELF AS NEEDED

DAVID R.

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