



To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to write this letter in support of GG's House (Giving Grace) and its founders, Angel and Steve Sheets.

Over the past several years, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable growth of this organization and the positive impact it continues to have on individuals and families throughout our communities. What began as a mission to help those in need has grown into something truly special, an organization built on compassion, dignity, generosity, and genuine human connection.

While I live in Forest Grove and serve as a Division Chief with Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District in South Tillamook County, I have seen firsthand that GG's House does not limit its compassion by city boundaries, county lines, or personal recognition. Their mission is simple: help people who need help.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season last year, our district became aware of increasing food insecurity concerns within South Tillamook County. At the time, many families were facing uncertainty, and there were concerns about potential disruptions to food assistance programs. When Angel and Steve learned of the situation, they immediately reached out and offered support.

Working alongside local media partners, Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District organized two community food distribution events. GG's House responded with an incredible donation of food and household necessities, filling multiple eight-foot tables. The amount of food and supplies provided was substantial, but even more impressive was the spirit in which it was given. There were no conditions, no requests for recognition, and no expectation of anything in return. The only request was that the donations be provided to anyone in need.

Those food distributions ultimately helped more than fifty members of our community. What I remember most was not simply the food itself, but the sense of community it created. Neighbors helped neighbors. Individuals shopped the pop-up food bank on behalf of elderly residents, homebound community members, and those facing health challenges. It was a powerful reminder of what can happen when generosity inspires generosity.

GG's House has also extended support to our resident firefighter volunteers. These young men and women dedicate countless hours serving our community while living at our fire stations and receiving only a modest stipend. Although their service area is many miles away from Forest

Grove, GG's House has provided food and supplies to support them and thank them for their commitment to public service.

Beyond these experiences, I have personally visited GG's House and witnessed the care shown to every individual who walks through the door. The organization does far more than distribute food and household items. They build relationships. They know people by name. They listen to their stories. They take the time to understand individual circumstances and match resources to specific needs. They make people feel valued, respected, and welcomed.

In a world where many charitable efforts focus on numbers and statistics, GG's House never loses sight of the people behind those numbers. Their work is rooted in genuine compassion and a sincere desire to improve the lives of others.

I can confidently say that GG's House (Giving Grace) has positively impacted communities both near and far, including communities whose members Angel and her volunteers may never personally meet. Their generosity has helped families, supported volunteers, strengthened communities, and provided hope during difficult times.

For anyone considering supporting GG's House (Giving Grace) through donations, partnerships, or volunteer service, I offer my strongest recommendation. I have personally witnessed the integrity of their mission, the effectiveness of their work, and the extraordinary compassion that drives their organization.

The support they provide changes lives, and the communities they serve are better because of it.

Sincerely,

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