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ACCESS to Honor Outstanding Partners at First-Ever Community Builders Celebration

Medford, OR — July 15, 2025 — ACCESS is proud to announce the inaugural Community Builders Celebration, a signature fundraising event recognizing exceptional partners who exemplify the values of compassion, collaboration, and commitment to serving Jackson County’s most vulnerable residents.

The event will be held Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Bigham Knoll Event Center in Jacksonville, Oregon. Guests will enjoy a celebratory evening filled with community connection and inspiration as six outstanding honorees are recognized for their remarkable efforts to support ACCESS’ mission of providing food, warmth, and shelter.

“Our community thrives because of the people and partners who stand up for those in need,” said Carrie Borgen, Executive Director of ACCESS. “The Community Builders Celebration is a chance to lift up their stories, celebrate their impact, and rally even more support for the vital work ahead.”

2025 Community Builders Celebration Honorees are:

- Lifetime Partner: *The Olsrud Family and Sherm’s Markets*
- Lifetime Partner: *Boise Cascade*
- Corporate Partner: *Southern Oregon Subaru*
- Individual Supporter: *Marianne Warren*
- Volunteer Partner: *United Rotary Clubs of Southern Oregon*
- Non-Profit Partner: *Jackson Care Connect*

Honorees were selected by the ACCESS Board of Directors based on criteria including their long-term commitment, measurable community impact, spirit of collaboration, and leadership in advancing awareness and resources around hunger, homelessness, and housing insecurity.

This event also serves as an important fundraiser to sustain ACCESS programs that serve more than 40,000 Jackson County residents annually — including food pantry access, energy assistance, housing stabilization, and more.

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Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and community partners, this event is sold out. ACCESS is grateful to its major sponsors: Wells Fargo, Boise Cascade, Charles Point, Smith Crossing, Safeway/Albertsons, KOBI, Rogue Valley Times, and AllCare Health.

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ACCESS provides food, warmth, shelter, and other essential services to Jackson County's low-income children, families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. As the Community Action Agency of Jackson County, Oregon, ACCESS has been helping residents break the cycle of poverty since 1976. Last year, more than 45,000 people received assistance from ACCESS's broad continuum of services, including obtaining safe, affordable housing, rental assistance, utility assistance, weatherization, free loaned durable medical equipment, and healthy food.

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