Hi {FIRST_NAME}Friend,

Your community needed you, and you responded with the same incredible generosity I’ve seen for years.

In the last eight weeks, COVID-19 has brought the Gorge to its knees. The need has never been higher, and you responded with over $116,000 in donations.

Because of you, the 34 programs that children, families, and underserved communities across the Gorge rely on every day have continued. And, in response to COVID-19, six new programs have been created:

- **Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Outreach Coordination**: a combined effort of several organizations to meet the needs of workers, including protective equipment such as masks, food, and healthcare.
- **Native American Outreach Coordination**: a combined effort of several organizations to meet the needs of Native Americans along the Columbia
Foster Parents Needed

Earn up to $1785 per youth per month, tax free, plus a bonus of up to $500 when the first youth is placed in the home.

Call 541-308-2207 to get started today.

Foster youth in our community need you now more than ever.

Be the difference - be a foster parent.

River, including food, COVID-19 testing, and healthcare.

- **Partnership with Volunteers in Action**: grocery store accounts for volunteers who shop for the homebound and other at risk community members.
- **Crisis Hotline**: a mental health crisis line for those with stress and anxiety due to COVID-19. For support, call 541-308-7110 Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.
- **The Next Connection**: a bilingual information hotline for anyone seeking resources in the Gorge during the pandemic. Call 541-308-7099 Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.
- **Communication Dyads for Healthcare Workers**: one on one, facilitated virtual workshops for healthcare workers to relieve stress.

I’m not going to downplay it, the months ahead will continue to be difficult for all of us; more of us will be affected by COVID-19 and most of us will struggle during the economic downturn to come. *Children, families, and vulnerable community members will continue to need you.*

Ensure the survival of the services our community depends on, consider a sustaining monthly gift. Visit our [website](https://www.thenextdoor.org) and select Recurring to set up your monthly gift today. A gift of even $10 a month is a gift of hope to those who have lost all hope.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring for your neighbors.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Hamada, MSW
Executive Director

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