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November 27, 2020 – As we approach the year’s end, we are all being asked to support our community through financial contributions to the causes we care about. But this year, our local nonprofit community is asking for MORE ...philanthropy in its broadest sense. We encourage you and your families to stay small and stay safe.

Nonprofits have utilized ideas and talents they had never considered in order to keep up with the demand for services in the community. We have worked hard to provide food, shelter, job services, health care, animal assistance, childrens’ services, environmental protections, senior services, arts and music events. Keeping our doors open requires a healthy workforce and a healthy community.

For the benefit of all – Please follow recommended safe choices for your family gatherings this holiday season; follow guidelines for small gatherings, socially distance when in public, wear a mask when around those outside your household and shop safe by staying local.

This year, we have all been pushed to change our lives in ways we never imagined, yet, we continue to

rise to the challenge. Today, we are asking you to take the steps necessary to keep our community and workplaces safe for those vulnerable to the effects of Covid-19.

Your favorite organizations still need the financial support you have always provided, AND we implore you to implement the safety measures needed to allow all of us to continue to live and thrive in this special community.

As we find different and creative ways to safely give thanks this holiday, we want to wish you all a very Happy (albeit, most unusual) Thanksgiving, one that won't soon be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Center for Nonprofit Leadership: Wendy Willoughby, Managing Director & Jennifer Singer, Board President

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AnimalSave: Carolyn Niehaus, Executive Director

Bear Yuba Land Trust: Erika Seward & Erin Tarr, Co-Executive Directors

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Grass Valley Downtown Association: Marnie Marshall, Executive Director

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Hospitality House: Nancy Baglietto, Executive Director

InConcert Sierra: Julie Hardin, Executive Director & Monroe Lovelady, Board President

Interfaith Food Ministry: Phil Alonso, Executive Director & Bob Thurman, Board President

KVMR Community Radio: Ali Lightfoot, General Manager

Miners Foundry Cultural Center: Gretchen Bond, Executive Director

Mountain Stream Meditation: Marcia Craighead, Executive Director

Music in the Mountains: Jenny Darlington-Person, Executive Director; Terry Brown, Board President & Ryan Murray, Artistic Director & Conductor

Nevada City Film Festival: Jesse Locks, Executive Director

Nevada County Arts: Eliza Tudor, Executive Director

Nevada County Media: Ramona Howard, Executive Director

Nevada County Historical Society: Daniel Ketcham, Board President

One Source – Empowering Caregivers: Carolyn Seyler, Executive Director

Saint Joseph's Cultural Center

Sammie's Friends: Cheryl Wicks, Founder & Board President

Sierra Commons: Robert Trent, Executive Director & Erika Kosina, Board President

Sierra Foothills Village: Valarie Bush, Executive Director

Sierra Stages: Peter Mason, Executive Director

Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation: Kimberly Parker, Executive Director

South Yuba River Citizens League: Melinda Booth, Executive Director

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