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A MESSAGE FROM LORRI

Love Doesn't Stand Still

Dear Friends,

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, I am once again reminded of just how blessed I am to be part of such a generous and loving community and to participate in the holy work of Catholic Community Services of Lane County (CCS).

There is no work more honorable than loving and supporting our neighbors through life's most difficult moments. I am incredibly proud of our CCS family—our leadership, staff, and volunteers—who show up with compassion, commitment, and a genuine desire to do good work and make a difference.

Most of us are affected by the brokenness we see in our world. Rising living costs, increasing poverty, gun violence, war, political dysfunction, and a deeply divided nation make this an uncertain and often discouraging time. It isn't always easy to find reasons for hope. And yet, our community continues to give us plenty of them. Time and time again, a volunteer shows up and simply says, "I'm here to help." A check arrives from a generous neighbor to help a family impacted by an ICE detention pay their rent. A school organizes a gift card drive to make Christmas a little brighter for local families. A bag of clothing appears at our Clothing Closet. A new community partner delivers sandwiches for our OASIS unhoused shelter families. These moments, big and small, are not uncommon at CCS, and they never go unnoticed. When they happen, I find myself shaking my head, smiling, and quietly whispering, "Thank you, Jesus."

Catholic Community Services is truly a remarkable organization. The blessings of this work reach far beyond the individuals and families we serve. They extend to every volunteer, donor, partner, employee, and community member whose life is touched by the opportunity to love someone in need. One of the greatest gifts of this work is that when we come together in service to others, we all become better for it.

As we look back on the past year, I am especially grateful for the progress we have made together in strengthening the foundation of CCS so that we can continue serving our community for generations to come. Our leadership team and Board of Directors are deeply committed to ensuring that our organization remains strong, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of our neighbors. A few of our important milestones include:

- A Five-Year Strategic Plan: We completed a new strategic plan to guide our work in the coming years, focusing on strengthening our organization, expanding our impact, and responding to our community's evolving needs.
- The CCS Endowment: We have established the Catholic Community Services of Lane County Endowment Fund through the Oregon Community Foundation, creating an opportunity to build long-term financial stability and support our mission well into the future.
- Our 75th Anniversary Community Campaign: As we prepare to celebrate 75 years of service in 2027, we have launched a community-wide campaign to help ensure our essential services remain strong while positioning CCS to thoughtfully address emerging needs.
- A Stronger, More Diverse Funding Foundation: We are working to reduce our reliance on government funding by growing private support from individuals, businesses, foundations, and community partners. A more diversified funding base will help us remain resilient and responsive, even as funding environments change.
- Investing in Our People and Places: We continue to invest in our facilities, technology, and staff because we know that caring for the organization itself is essential to caring well for the people who depend on us.

These investments are about stewardship, responsibility, and making certain that the mission entrusted to us 75 years ago will continue to thrive for the next 75.



As we have for the past seven and a half decades, CCS remains committed to loving our neighbors and putting that love into action. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for your willingness to be part of this mission. Together, we are a beacon of hope, compassion, and Christ's love in our community.

To our veterans, this Veterans Day, thank you for your service and sacrifice. And to every donor, volunteer, partner, employee, and friend of CCS, thank you for touching this work and helping make it possible.

May God's blessings find you and your families this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season. May we each find reasons to give thanks, opportunities to serve, and hope in the love we share.

With gratitude,

Lorri Perreault
Executive Director

THANK YOU, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Standing on Their Shoulders

We are deeply grateful for our volunteer Board of Directors, whose members bring invaluable business expertise, community connections, love, and compassion to Catholic Community Services of Lane County.

This Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful for every Board member, past and present, who has said "yes" to leading CCS through the many seasons of our 75-year history—the milestones, challenges, changes, and triumphs. Their commitment and leadership have helped shape the organization we are today.

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and those who follow will stand on ours. What a beautiful legacy of service, stewardship, and love.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our current Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication:

Our Board of Directors

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75 YEARS OF LOVE | 1952–2027

Celebrate With Us



Thursday, May 13, 2027

6–9 p.m.

The Venue
252 Lawrence St., Eugene

Tickets $75
Table of 8 $750

ccslc.org/75-years

2027 marks a BIG milestone for Catholic Community Services of Lane County- 75 years we have met our neighbors with help for today and hope for tomorrow. Please join us for a very special evening celebrating our past, present, and future, and all those who made it possible: our volunteers, donors, partners, staff, and the neighbors we serve.

The evening celebration will include:

- A special VIP reception
- A multimedia celebration of CCS's history, mission, and community impact
- Special guest speakers, including Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles
- Stories of hope and transformation from across our 75-year journey
- Time to reconnect with friends, supporters, volunteers, and community partners
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Beer or wine and dessert
- Cocktails available for purchase



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Greg Boyle

of Homeboy Industries

SCAN FOR TICKETS

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT

Get Your Tickets Today

ccslc.org/75-years | $75 per person | $750 for a table of 8

Love Serves Up a Fresh Start



When Said and his wife, America, left Managua, Nicaragua, after years of political and economic instability, they carried little more than a dream. Said's dream, in fact. It came to him one night in Managua and gave their business its name. The family arrived in the U.S. in July 2024 and came to Oregon with almost nothing: no beds, no jackets, and nowhere stable to live. Said delivered DoorDash on a bicycle to pay $1,000 a month for a small room.

On December 18, 2025, a call to 211 pointed them to CCS. At our Eugene 6th Avenue service center, staff connected them to our Refugee & Immigrant Services Program (RISP). Christine at our legal office drew them a little map to find case manager Nancy, and employment specialist Bob made them feel welcome from the first moment. "For the first time in a long time, we felt heard," Said says. By January 16, 2026, the family had moved into their own furnished home, their daughters were in school, and their residency paperwork was finally moving forward.

Bob helped Said build a résumé from scratch and walked with him to local businesses to introduce him in person. The first search didn't land a job, but the confidence stayed with him, and he found a place in the kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul, turning donated ingredients into dishes like lasagna and Chinese-style mixed rice for people experiencing homelessness. That job helped the family save toward a business of their own.

RISP case manager Nancy connected them to catering at two CCS events, Women's Day and World Refugee Day, which led to two more catering jobs. "It's been a really big leap for us," Said says. Today their food truck, Don Chava's Spoon, serves hot dogs and traditional Nicaraguan dishes like their popular Costillas Estilo Viejo Luis, homemade-style ribs. Their daughters spent the summer in our ORCAS program, visiting the zoo, swimming, and exploring museums. The family's next dream? A restaurant of their own.

Visit Don Chava's Spoon

2638 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene
Wednesday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. | Cash only

75 YEARS OF LOVE IN ACTION | EUGENE MARATHON, APRIL 23–25, 2027

Run with us in our 75th year! Marathon $525, Half Marathon $375, 5K $175. Fundraise your amount or pay it, and you're on the team. Join at givebutter.com/ccseugenemarathon2027

Love Grows Here: A Rent Assistance Story



Some people arrive at CCS and quietly become part of its heartbeat. Amber is one of them.

Amber joined us in December 2023 as a Resource Specialist at our Springfield Community Service Center, often the first friendly face a family meets when life has gotten hard. Her days were spent connecting neighbors to food, basic needs, and resources, and offering a little extra help when it mattered most. "It was an amazing opportunity to provide a little bit of hope for our community," she says.

In summer 2024, Amber began lending her hands to our Extreme Weather program, helping keep unhoused families safe and sheltered when the temperature dropped to freezing. Then, in June 2026, an opening came up in our rent assistance program, and we were glad to welcome her into it from within our own team.

"Amber jumped right in and got started as she had always been there," says Nicole, Associate Director, Supportive Services. "She is absolutely rocking her new role."

Today, Amber oversees four of our contracted rent assistance programs. Among them is a Lane County flex funding program, which allows CCS to more than triple the number of people we can help each month across our other three programs. It also gives Amber the flexibility to step in when a family is in a crisis and in immediate danger of losing their housing.

It's work that makes a big difference. Last year, CCS kept 393 households with 538 children safely housed, even as housing funding fell by 22.5%. Behind each of those numbers is a family who avoided the devastation of becoming unhoused.

For Amber, the change of roles has changed how she sees the work. "As a Rent Assistance Case Manager, I can see beyond the triage moments," she says. "I get to bring joy, happiness, and relief to families by helping them get back on their feet."

We are proud of Amber, and proud of the way our team grows. When we can, we invite the people who already know our neighbors and our mission to take the next step. Love grows when we invest in it.

Interested in working at CCS? Grow with a team that puts love into action.

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See current openings at ccslc.org/employment

75 YEARS OF LOVE IN ACTION | JUNE OR JULY 2027

Take Us Out to the Ballgame

Join us at a Eugene Emeralds game this summer as we celebrate 75 years. Date and details coming soon.



COLD WEATHER LAYER OF LOVE DRIVE | DECEMBER 1 – JANUARY 31

Layers of Warmth. Hearts of Hope. Help our neighbors stay safer and warmer this winter. From December 1 through January 31, our Cold Weather Layer of Love Drive is collecting tents, tarps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Find donation sites at ccslc.org/cwd, or give online. Your donation provides comfort, dignity, and hope.

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HELP HOPE COMMUNITY

Help & Hope Hour

Come See Love in Action

Curious what happens behind our doors? Join us for a Help & Hope Hour and see how your generosity becomes food, shelter, and welcome for neighbors across Lane County. In just one hour, you will meet our team, tour our Springfield Service Center, and learn how you can be part of the work.

Join us for our first Help & Hope Hour as we begin our 75th year. We'd love to see you there.

Contact our Development Department at development@ccslc.org or by calling 541-345-3628 ext 1317

Wednesday, January 27, 2027 | 4–5 p.m.

1025 G Street, Springfield

IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES | FISCAL YEAR 2026

Love Stands With Our Immigrant Neighbors

Over the past year, more of our neighbors turned to CCS for help with immigration, and our Immigrant Legal Services (ILS) program rose to meet them. In FY 2026, ILS served more than 700 people and filed nearly 600 applications, up 40% and 25% from FY 2025.

700+	~600	201
people served, up 40%	applications filed, up 25%	work permits approved

Behind the numbers:

- 76 asylum applications filed
- 84 immigration court motions submitted
- 175 other immigration applications submitted
- 18 habeas petitions filed in federal court, resulting in the release of 23 people from ICE detention
- 590 households enrolled in the Equity Corps of Oregon program

The growth came from the hard work of our staff, a new Oregon Worker Relief Immigrant Justice Fellow on our team, and more referrals from Equity Corps of Oregon. We expect demand to stay steady or grow.

Progress takes patience. Federal processing is slow: we submitted 43 applications for lawful permanent residence (green cards), and 11 clients have received it so far. The other 32 are waiting for a decision.

> *As reports of increased federal immigration enforcement raise fear in communities across Oregon, Governor Kotek said on October 12: "Oregon will continue to be a place that protects access to schools, health care, housing, and small businesses so that no one is afraid to go about their daily lives." CCS will keep standing with our neighbors.*

75 YEARS OF LOVE IN ACTION | SAVE THE DATE

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6–9 p.m. at The Venue, 252 Lawrence St., Eugene, with special guest speaker Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries. Tickets are $75, or $750 for a table of 8, at ccslc.org/75-years

WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS | NOVEMBER 18

A Place to Belong



A place to belong. A path to stability. Every immigrant neighbor deserves both, and this fall you can help make it real. Join us for Welcoming Our New Neighbors (WONN), an evening of inspiring stories and community hosted by CCS' Refugee & Immigrant Services Program (RISP), which partners with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County (RRC).

Come celebrate the families who have made Lane County their home, hear how our community is walking alongside them, and see how your support helps new neighbors find stability and a sense of belonging.

Wednesday, November 18 | 6 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church | 1685 W. 13th Ave., Eugene

TICKETS $45

Reserve Your Seat

Purchase at ccslc.org/wonn2026 or scan the code

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Love Stays a Little Longer



It's nearly closing time at the Clothing Closet when one more neighbor knocks on the door. For Joe, that's no reason to pack up. It's a reason to stay.

Joe knows that just getting here can take everything a person has: a long bus ride, time away from work, a good deal of courage. He also knows that if they leave empty-handed, they'll go without the coat or shoes they came for. So he stays, and he helps.

That's Joe. For three years, he has given his Wednesdays to CCS. He starts in our Springfield Food Pantry, helping neighbors choose their groceries, and moves to the Clothing Closet when it opens at 9 a.m. His wife, Judy, volunteers with us too, so serving is a family affair. Joe takes serving in God's name to heart, and it shows in ways big and small.

Look around the Clothing Closet, and you'll see his work everywhere. Joe arranged for the new shelving. He set up the clear totes for overflow and out-of-season clothes, and he stenciled each one "CCSLC" in purple paint. Through the Springfield Twin Rivers Rotary Club, he helped bring a new cooler to the Springfield Food Pantry, so we can now offer neighbors more fresh food. Most recently, he hung shoe racks and organized more than 50 pairs, so neighbors can see at a glance what's available and find what fits.

Joe sees what would make things better, and then he makes it happen.

Joe, thank you for choosing CCS. You make every neighbor who walks through our doors feel seen and cared for. That's what love in action looks like.

Interested in volunteering at CCS? We have immediate openings in our Springfield Clothing Closet and shifts available in our Eugene and Springfield food pantries.

75 YEARS OF LOVE IN ACTION | SPRING / EARLY SUMMER 2027

Business After Hours

Join us for a Business After Hours celebrating 75 years. Date and details coming soon.

INVESTING IN THE NEXT 75 YEARS

Love That Lasts

Loving Neighbors
GIVING CIRCLE

Join the *Loving Neighbors Circle*

In 2027, CCS marks 75 years of service in Lane County, and we're counting on friends like you to carry that work through the next 75. The Loving Neighbors Giving is a community of committed supporters who pledge $1,000 or more each year for five years.

That steady, dependable support helps us plan ahead and keep the doors open for neighbors who rely on us for food, clothing, hygiene products, case management, utility and rental assistance, and more.

So much in our world can feel disordered and disconnected. Yet we know people are resilient, and with God's blessing, the lessons we learn make us all better in the long run. God calls each of us to serve those in need. We get to choose how we respond. ~ Jerry Ragan

Contact our Development Department at development@ccslc.org or by calling 541-345-3628 ext 1317

Pledge $1,000 or more a year for five years

OUR NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

A Gift That Lasts Forever

CCS has partnered with Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) to create the Catholic Community Services of Lane County Endowment Fund. Through OCF's stewardship and long-term investment, this permanent fund will grow in perpetuity, providing a stable stream of income for critical-need services to neighbors throughout Lane County for generations to come.

You can designate a gift directly to the fund, or create a planned gift such as a bequest, charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuity, or charitable lead trust. OCF staff will work alongside our team and with you to find the right fit. Assets remaining at the end of any trust or gift annuity will go to our endowment, so your generosity keeps caring for our neighbors long into the future.

Oregon Community Foundation

LEARN MORE

Build the Next 75 Years With Us

To join or plan a gift, contact Rose: development@ccslc.org | 541-345-3628 ext. 1317