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Letter of Introduction – Rural Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (RATH)

Dear Wenonah Blanchette,

It was a pleasure to meet with so many local representatives from across Washington County last month to introduce some of our team involved in the expansion of our Outreach and Engagement work. The Salvation Army is pleased to be a part of the Rural Assistance program, which benefits communities outside the Metro Service District in Washington County. These communities include Banks, Buxton, Cherry Grove, Gaston, North Plains, Roy, Verboort and areas close to these mentioned.

This program is designed to provide the necessary resources to assist low-income individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness and vulnerable persons at risk of becoming homeless. Our team exists to serve as a resource for community leaders and law enforcement officers as you encounter families or individuals in need of support.

Our portfolio of services includes (accomplished through direct service and/or referrals as appropriate):

- Prevention Assistance and Housing Retention
- Outreach and Engagement Services
- Basic Needs: Food, Shower, Laundry
- Intensive Case Management Services and Health Care Navigation Services
- Housing Navigation and Tenancy Supports

The Program Manager for RATH is Mr. Josh Neal and he can be reached at 202.660.3984 or email at Josh.Neal@usw.salvationarmy.org. Please feel free to contact Josh for any client support, or general inquiries regarding how the RATH program can be coordinated within the rural communities mentioned above.

For any general questions or inquiries regarding programming in the Tri-County area, please feel free to contact Major Robert Lloyd at 503.794.3291 or Robert.Lloyd@usw.salvationarmy.org

As always, you are welcome to contact me, and I look forward to supporting each of you in the critical work you do.

Warm regards,

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