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Greetings!

The holiday season is a time for celebration, a time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. This season of togetherness evokes in us a spirit of gratitude and generosity. Traditionally, the citizens of Skagit Valley have recognized that, unfortunately, many people among us lack the warmth and stability of a home. By making a tax-deductible contribution to Friendship House, you can help make the holidays a special time for families who would otherwise be cold, hungry, and alone.

People become homeless because they have lost something that is important to them. The loss of a home is often secondary to the deeper loss of a livelihood, a child, a spouse, a dream, sobriety, sanity, love. Sadly, many suffer in isolation. When a person is grieving, being part of a community can help them to heal and to find meaning in their life. Human beings are social; we make sense of our lives in a relational context. All of us (the poor and broken-hearted *especially*) need the opportunity to engage collectively and to serve one another.

As you savor life's many blessings this holiday season, please remember Friendship House. It is our mission to reflect the heart of God by feeding, sheltering, clothing, and healing those in need. It is hard work. It is good work. And we could not do it without you.

Each of us has the capacity to serve and uplift humanity. Please mail a check in the enclosed envelope today, or make a secure online donation at www.skagitfriendshiphouse.org. A gift in *any amount* will help us to serve with joy those who would otherwise be suffering alone.

With deep gratitude,

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P.S. Please help us to further the common good by donating today. Thank you!