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Investing in the community: Bethlehem Inn Receives \$75,000 from The Bend Foundation

February 14, 2017--- Bend, OR - Bethlehem Inn is pleased to announce a generous \$75,000 donation from The Bend Foundation in support of their *Transforming Lives Together* Capital Campaign. The Bend Foundation better the lives of the Bend community through educational and social welfare programs, arts and culture and preserving the environment. The foundation is supported by its shareholders who advises and has history of investing in capital campaigns and structures where Brooks Resources focuses on daily operational needs for local organizations.

Barb Hess, Director of Human Resources for Brooks Resources, commented, "This a compelling opportunity and a story that impressed the trustees. There are many programs in Central Oregon, but Bethlehem Inn's program is very unique with its goal of setting people up for success and giving them the tools to move forward. Residents learn the necessary skills to connect with housing, education, employment and many other local resources that will take them to a brighter future."

With nearly \$4 million raised to date, this generous gift marks the largest donation thus far from a local foundation. "We are truly grateful for The Bend Foundation and their community support. We are very excited to be at this stage in the campaign," Gwenn Wysling, Bethlehem Inn Executive Director said. "We now ask the community to join the foundations and individuals that have helped us reach this stage in the campaign, by making a donation that will help us achieve the final goal."

About The Bend Foundation

The Bend Foundation, established and funded by Brooks Scanlon, Brooks Resources and its shareholders, was originally formed in 1947 as a resource for injured loggers and mill workers. Following its mission to improve the lives of not only its employees but the residents of Bend, The Bend Foundation has grown to support social services, arts, culture and education in a thriving, growing and diversifying city. Over the years, The Bend Foundation has performed as a leader in our community

by identifying and supporting key needs in an effort to maintain and improve the livability in Bend and throughout Central Oregon. For more information, visit bendfoundation.org

About Bethlehem Inn

Bethlehem Inn is Central Oregon's largest emergency shelter; providing shelter, food and case management services to over 1,100 adults and children last year; 70,000 meals were served to those in crisis. To learn more about Bethlehem Inn and how Transform Lives with Shelter, Help and Hope please call 541.322.8768 or visit www.bethleheminn.org. Donations may also be mailed to Bethlehem Inn, P.O. Box 8540, Bend, OR 97708. Learn more about the Transforming Lives Together Capital Campaign here: <https://bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign/>

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