



Dear Friends of Pilgrim Firs,

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As you enter Pilgrim Firs Camp & Retreat Center, you are greeted with a sign that welcomes you home. Each and every group receives this radical hospitality – because you all matter. In these trying times we all need to be reminded that this is indeed true. A place to step away, to breathe, to reset, and begin anew. If nothing else, this is what Pilgrim Firs provides. Yet, we know so much more happens here.

Pilgrim Firs, the sacred oasis for creativity and community. Where music flows throughout and stones become works of art. Where PTSD transforms into Permission To Start Dreaming. Where women's and men's groups celebrate new life in a loving community. Where real time for reflection and restoration is found aplenty. Where stepping away from the day-to-day is not an escape, but rather a preparation. Where breaking bread with new and old friends creates lifelong relationships. Where silent retreats allow for revitalized insight. Where church folk connect beyond the coffee hour. Where hospitality welcomes all home.

This past year has seen a lot of upheaval in our world, our country, our state, and our communities. Yet Pilgrim Firs has stood strong, providing respite for so many – and we will continue to do so. With your help.

At Pilgrim Firs, we do not have guests, rather we have Partners. Guests we do for; Partners we do with. It is because of you that so many things have happened at Pilgrim Firs this year:

- A retaining wall and nighttime lighting in the labyrinth
- New picnic tables to improve outdoor dining
- New gathering spaces in the Pride Garden
- Planter boxes adopted in the Pride Garden
- New planter boxes in front of the office
- Ground cleared for our new tractor barn
- Bedside tables added to cabins and lodges
- Ever ongoing trail maintenance to keep our spaces safe and beautiful

And for that – and so much more – we say thank you for being our Partners.

Pilgrim Firs thrives because of people like you. As we close out the year, we invite you to make a gift to help sustain this sacred place. Together, we can ensure Pilgrim Firs remains a home to radical hospitality, to healing, and to creativity for years to come. Make your donation today at pilgrim-firs.org/donate.

With blessings, hope and gratitude,
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