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Love letter to foundation

Dear Editor,

We wanted to share this heartfelt and thoughtful tribute from Foundation fan:

“I came to Carmel in September 2023 from the great, green Pacific Northwest. I wanted to give myself a gift... a chance to climb out of pandemic isolation... and reconnect with the world in kind of a “be here now” way.

I was in search of renewed laughter, creativity and hope... in a world recently gone dark, stark, and wild!

Here I found the Carmel Foundation and embraced all they offer.

While touring the Foundation, I discovered, among many other opportunities, a free woodcraft workshop. Since September, I have spent 3 hours twice a week, learning a new craft and making new friends.

I have also tried Greek dancing... then stopped (too clumsy and bound to break a hip...) went to many movies and lectures, attended painting classes (learned a lot!) ate a lot of good meals, got to see your awesome staff in action and meet many great Carmel area seniors!

Every person employed by this foundation is thoughtful, friendly, and sensitive to the needs of an aging membership... everyone...the volunteers, the grounds people, the kitchen and dining room staff, the session and workshop leaders, and the dedicated administrative group!

This is a world class senior center and I feel very lucky to have been a part of it during my stay in Carmel!

Thank you!”

Holly Zoller
President/CEO The Carmel Foundation