Dear Friends

After the stay at home order was issued back in March, my first priority was to ensure the continuation of NWPP’s operations. We are an essential service and critical to the people we serve. Nothing is more important than stabilizing housing for our clients during this time. Seniors, especially those with underlying health conditions – common among our clients – are at higher risk of a negative impact of COVID-19. Since March 23, all NWPP staff have worked remotely, and thanks to your support we have been able to continue to provide services to our clients – including housing placement! – and maintain administrative support functions for the organization’s activities.

Some highlights from the last four challenging months:

- NWPP program staff did not miss a beat in continuing to provide assistance with rent, moving costs, securing identification necessary for clients to access housing, case management, etc., since March. Of special note is that case management is incredibly challenging to do via phone or online, but NWPP Housing Team staff have done an amazing job of continuing this work.
- Our advocacy work has been a balance of monitoring new orders for tenant protections, engaging in conversations about how to use CARES Act funding for low income renters, and keeping an eye on the City, County and State budget decisions and how those impact our work.
- We were able to secure several one-time grants for COVID-19 related expenses.
- We successfully held the 41st Walk-a-Thon as a virtual fundraising event.
- We secured an SBA Payroll Protection Plan loan that provided critically needed cash to keep staff employed and clients served.

While the NWPP office will remain closed to the public for the near future, we will continue to provide our critical services to low-income seniors in Multnomah County. When it’s safe, clients, staff and volunteers will come back to work in the office.

Again – we thank you for your financial support, your donations of household items for our clients, for signing up to get our newsletter, eblasts and other communications, following us on social media, and sharing the important work we do. Please consider making a financial donation on our website at www.nwpilotproject.org/donate

Onward!

Laura Golino de Lovato,
Executive Director
**NWPP Transportation Goes Electric**

As we shared with you early this spring, NWPP was awarded a grant from Portland General Electric’s “Drive Change Fund” for the purchase cost of a new electric car, and the purchase and installation of a Level 2 EV charging station at our office building. After delays caused by COVID-19, we were able to find the perfect vehicle – a 2020 Kia Niro – which we picked up on July 1. With long range battery capacity, easy access for passengers, ample storage room, and a smooth and quiet ride, it’s going to be hard to get Wayne McIlhenny, NWPP’s transportation coordinator, out of the car!

While we haven’t restarted transporting clients yet because of the virus, we are making more deliveries: to our existing clients, bringing them the hygiene and cleaning supplies they would normally pick up at the office; and delivering kitchen and bedding kits, furniture and small household items to clients newly placed in housing. It makes us feel great to have a reliable vehicle and one that allows us to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The PGE Drive Change Fund is funded by the DEQ’s Oregon Clean Fuels program.

**COVID-19 Senior Supply Drive**

Over the past four months NWPP has worked hard to keep our low-income senior clients safe and supplied with essential items that are important in fighting the coronavirus. We have successfully and safely been able to move clients into new housing and provide them with essentials to make them feel at home. With our offices closed to visitors we have limited ability to accept donations and need your help to keep helping our senior clients to stay safe.

**You Can Help.** Please consider making a contribution this month to help us resupply our low-income senior essentials cupboards.

- Monthly Needs Kit – $15
- Kitchen Kit – $20
- Bedding Kit – $30

Donate online to help create essential kits for low-income seniors at www.nwpilotproject.org/donate

**2020 WALK-A-THON SUPER STARS**

**AMAZING INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS**

These walkers won first prize in their age group raising the most money of anyone their age:

- 0–10 Years – Freya Read - $1,655.25
- 11–5 Years – Karly Weinstock - $1,435
- 26–54 Years – Alexis Hultine-Abe - $200
- 55–64 Years – Jeanne Galick - $2,550
- 65+ Years – Ann Middleton - $12,205

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER:**

Ruth Schuld Raises $12,542! Wow!

Ruth has been participating in our annual Walk-A-Thons since 1997 and this year she raised $12,542, and once again won our grand prize. She recently celebrated her 99th birthday. Ruth Schuld is one of the most enthusiastic fundraisers we have ever known. We are so very grateful!

**INCREDIBLE TEAM PRIZE WINNERS**

1st Place – Terwilliger Plaza $8,521
2nd Place – Kairos United Church of Christ $5,466

**Presenting Sponsor:**

**Gold Sponsors:** Kaiser Permanente, Beneficial State Bank

**Silver Sponsor:** Northwest Housing Alternatives

**Bronze Sponsors:** REACH CDC, Escape From New York Pizza, JD Fulwiler & Co. Insurance

**Our 41st Walk-A-Thon a Success**

Thanks to YOU!

Going virtual for the first time was new for the Walk-A-Thon, for us and for all of you. But thanks to you, this year’s event raised $133,000 for the programs and services of Northwest Pilot Project.

**MANY THANKS** to all of our wonderful sponsors, our fundraisers and all the people and businesses who made a financial donation. This year it was especially important and we are so thankful. Our sponsors enable us to use all the money raised by fundraisers to meet our clients needs instead of paying for overhead. We are filled with gratitude.

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**Wayne and Laura showing off NWPP’s first electric vehicle that will be used for client transportation.**