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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

A MESSAGE FROM FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARIBEL CRUZ

As I write this, I'm filled with gratitude.

Over the past four years, I've had the incredible privilege of serving as Executive Director of the Lake Chelan Community Center. Together, we've watched an idea become a building, a building become a gathering place, and a gathering place become a community.

We've celebrated milestones, navigated challenges, welcomed new tenants, launched programs, hosted countless events, and opened our doors to neighbors from every corner of the Valley. We've become a place where families gather to celebrate life's biggest moments, where friendships are formed over coffee and community programs, where neighbors share Thanksgiving meals, and where, during wildfire season, our doors have stood open as a place of refuge and support when our community has needed it most.

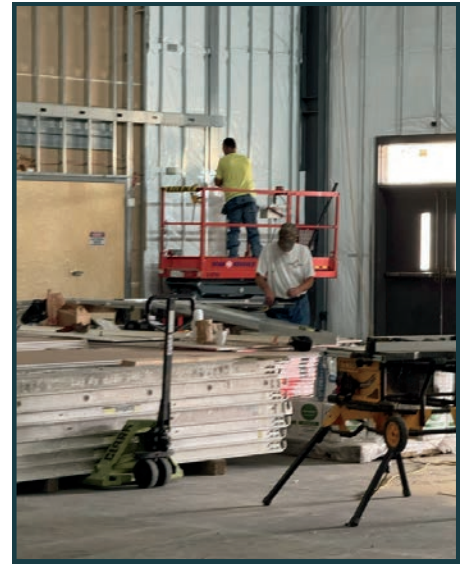
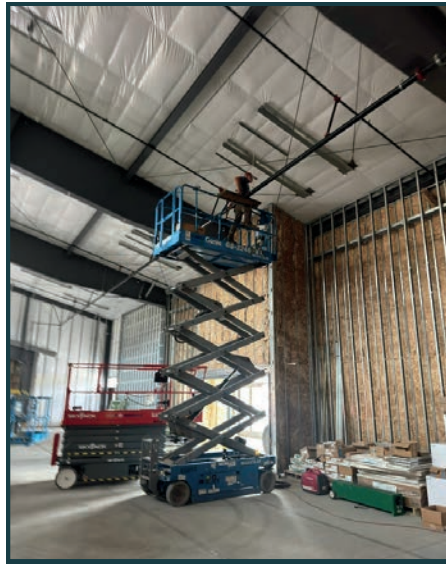
And the story is still just beginning.

Soon, we'll celebrate the completion of a fully functioning auditorium and gymnasium—spaces that will unlock even more opportunities for recreation, performances, youth programs, community events, and connections that haven't even been imagined yet. The future of the Lake Chelan Community Center is incredibly bright.

As many of you know, July marked my final month as Executive Director. While this chapter is coming to a close for me professionally, it certainly isn't the end of our connection to The Community Center. My husband, Chris, and I are proud to call this valley home, and you will continue to see us supporting the Center—not from behind a desk, but as community members, neighbors, volunteers, event attendees, and enthusiastic champions of everything this place represents.

I leave with complete confidence in the future of The Community Center.

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GYM CONSTRUCTION IS IN FULL SWING

Earlier this spring, we announced that Rimmer & Roeter Construction had been selected to lead the buildout of the Good Shepherd Gym and Performing Arts Center. Since then, plans have moved from announcement to action. Construction is now fully in swing, and every week brings visible progress toward the flexible, multi-use spaces our community has imagined for years.

Construction of the gym is fully funded and 35% complete.

Other work underway includes completing the adjacent parking lot, installing electric-vehicle charging stations, building retaining walls, and advancing landscaping. When complete, the gym and performance space are planned to feature wood flooring, retractable bleachers, six basketball hoops, multiple volleyball configurations, locker rooms with showers, and integrated lighting and audiovisual systems for performances, celebrations, and community programming.

We are deeply grateful to Rimmer & Roeter Construction for returning to a project they helped begin, and to the subcontractors, craftspeople, suppliers, consultants, and local companies who bring skill and care to the site each day.

We also continue to thank Tim and Kristy Turner, as well as the many donors whose generosity made this phase possible.

This brings us closer to a place where sports, arts, gatherings, and connection can thrive under one roof. Thank you for cheering on the crews and growing with us.

FINDING YOUR WAY JUST GOT EASIER



A community center should feel welcoming from the moment you arrive, and knowing where to go is a big part of that experience.

New wayfinding signs have now been installed throughout the Lake Chelan Community Center!

Clear, consistent signs help first-time visitors find programs and meeting spaces with greater confidence, help returning patrons move through the building more efficiently, and support a more comfortable experience for people of all ages and abilities.

The installation marks an important step toward making The Community Center as navigable and user-friendly as possible. It also reflects the kind of place we want to be: accessible, intuitive, and ready to welcome everyone who walks through the doors.

The next time you visit, take a look around and follow the new signs. We hope they make your experience easier and help the whole building feel a little more like home.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE (Cont.)



The foundation that has been built over the past several years is strong because it was built by an extraordinary community of donors, volunteers, board members, staff, tenants, partners, and residents who believed this vision was worth investing in long before the doors ever opened.

Thank you for believing alongside us.

Thank you for your patience as we learned, adapted, and grew.

Thank you for every conversation, every donation, every volunteer hour, every event attended, every encouraging word, and every opportunity to make this place just a little bit better.

It has been one of the greatest honors to help steward this vision during such a transformational season.

The best days for the Lake Chelan Community Center are still ahead, and I can't wait to experience them—not as Executive Director, but alongside all of you as a proud member of this community.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Maribel Cruz



MAKE YOUR GATHERING HAPPEN HERE

Need a welcoming indoor place to cool off, celebrate a milestone, bring a team together, or gather with family and friends? The Lake Chelan Community Center offers flexible rental spaces for occasions big and small.

The Banquet Room seats up to 80 guests and is well-suited for intimate weddings, small banquets, corporate meetings, retreats, and special celebrations. Its open layout and vineyard views create a memorable setting.

For larger community gatherings, trainings, youth events, workshops, and conferences, five Event Rooms can be combined into one flexible space accommodating up to 180 guests. Individual Event Rooms are also available for groups of approximately 20-25—ideal for birthday parties, club meetings, classes, study sessions, and small workshops.

Calendars fill quickly, so start planning early. Whether you're hosting a reunion, shower, celebration of life, business retreat, training, or neighborhood gathering, we'd be honored to help you welcome your guests.

Visit the rentals page and select "Start Your Rental" to tell us about your event.

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YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER.**

