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Providing hope through practical means; encouraging peace through understanding

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Dear Friend of Shalom Ministries,

Deidre offering gift bags.

What a privilege and a joy it has been to serve as President of the Board of Directors for Shalom Ministries. My term is ending December 2025. I am pleased to pass the torch to board member, Dexter Phillips, who will begin serving as president in 2026.

There is one thing I know to be true. God has a steady hand on Shalom. Through challenges and difficult times, Shalom consistently received exactly what it needed to maintain service to our dining guests. Thank you, Lord!

I believe the Dining with Dignity meal program is **love in action**. For our guests, food is love. Community is love. Being seen is love. Warmth is love. Healing ill and injured bodies is love. We know our guests are the beloved of God. And I believe that for our staff and volunteers, serving hungry people is also love, giving and receiving blurred together. We are blessed to overflowing.

Thank you all who did so much to make the *Dining with Dignity Gala* a huge success. We raised \$50,000 which will be used to directly serve our dining guests. We are so grateful for your support! Thank you to everyone who donates faithfully and volunteers faithfully. Your kindness and generosity are love in action.

Moving forward, we need the help of our friends more than ever! Our operational costs have almost doubled due to the need to replace volunteer staff with paid staff and to cover our increased rent. The number of hungry at the door grows, while resources shrink. It is impossible to know how cuts to various entities will impact us in the future. Yet, it is essential that Shalom Ministries continues to provide food, community, respect and coordination with others who heal bodies and serve our guests in many ways. **Yes, it is essential.**

Please consider a generous gift to help us keep serving food and love by sending a contribution to PO Box 4684, Spokane, WA 99220 OR donate online at www.shalommeal.org.

With greatest love and gratitude,

Deidre Jacobson

Deidre Jacobson, President, Shalom Ministries Board of Directors



Also: **mark your calendar for St. Lucy's breakfast March 14, 2026**, at 9:00AM at the beautiful Event Center at Rockwood Retirement Community (South Hill).

P.S. I'll still be around! Hope to see you!