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A Final Letter from Our Outgoing President.

Dear THCA Staff, Volunteers and Supporters,

My tenure on the Board and as the President/Chair of Toco Hill Community Alliance ends December 31 of this year. As I begin to wrap up this year and hand things off to the incoming President/Chair, Robert (Bob) Watson, I leave knowing THCA is in a good place and our team is ready for the transition. I have accomplished much more than I ever expected to do thanks to all of you who have made so much happen, especially over the last four years.



I have loved working with each and every one of you in whatever capacity. Thank you for all you have done.

As I leave, I am thinking of all the people who have come through the doors at THCA. We have amazing volunteers, staff, and clients from all walks of life and from all backgrounds, all working together. When they enter the building, each person is working together for the good of others. No other agenda.

THCA is proof that, for all our differences, we can work together for a common goal - helping one another.

When I first started volunteering with THCA over ten years ago, I did anything that was asked of me, including loading and unloading trucks, filling boxes,

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cooking in the kitchen, washing dishes, sweeping the floors, painting the walls and overseeing the upgrades to our building and kitchen; literally, anything that was needed. Ten years later, I am still willing to do anything that is needed - and that is the part that is going to be so hard to let go of.

As the President/Chair of THCA for the past five years, I have been honored to work with so many wonderful Board members who put the word "working" in "Working Board." Without their support and willingness to work for the common good of the organization, we would not be where we are today as one of the largest food pantries in the region.

Having Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig as our Executive Director these last three plus years has been incredible. THCA is fortunate to have her running our agency. Lisa and the entire crew rose to the challenges of the pandemic without having to serving food to those in need. I know whatever challenges Lisa faces, she is ready and willing to do whatever it takes to continue our mission of feeding and clothing those in need - Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

THCA is winding up our annual campaign and I am challenging you, *if you can*, to donate \$100 a month as a recurring donation for a minimum of 12 months. If you cannot donate \$100 a month, we invite you to donate *whatever you can* on a monthly basis. And, please know, we definitely appreciate *any gift* you give, whatever it is and whether it is on-going or just one time.

I will be making my recurring donation December 1, 2021.

Please join me in this challenge as a parting fundraiser.

It would be a great way to end my ten years at THCA - with as many of you as possible joining me as a sustaining donor.

When you make your donation, please put in the notes that this the President's Challenge.

Thank you for all the support over the years and for all you have done to help others. I have gained so much from all of you. You have filled my cup with your generosity and support.

In appreciation,

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Lynn Pasqualetti
President/Chair

This year please consider giving a gift of impact to THCA. A holiday gift; a memorial; a shout-out to someone special to you.

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The rising cost of food is having a very real and direct impact on families and individuals. But because of the generosity of our partners and the strength of our local food bank network it only takes \$10 to fill a box of food- enough to feed a family of 4 for a week! [Click here to see a typical box of food.](#)



The news is full of reports about the rising cost of food, housing, gasoline, and utilities. It is impacting everyone regardless of family income level. And it is creating even more uncertainty among the most vulnerable in our community.

Please support our annual campaign to feed the hungry, the homeless, and families suffering from food insecurity. You can help us keep our food pantry stocked by clicking the DONATE button below.

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