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TURKEYS AT TRANSITIONS

Transitions becomes part of the Sonderen Packaging Holiday Legacy

Spokane, WA: The Home Yard Cottages (a program of Transitions) is a community of 24 permanent supportive stand-alone cottages that are studio, one, two and three bedroom units. Fifteen of them are net-zero, with solar panels.

For the last couple of years its residents, made up of formerly homeless families, have relied on its extended community of Spokane to provide gifts during the holiday season. This year, Sonderen Packaging contributed in a large way, bringing Transitions into their 50+ year legacy of giving out turkeys for the holidays.

Every year, Sonderen purchases a turkey for each of their 130 employees for Thanksgiving. Some employees opt to donate their turkeys instead, and this year 16 did so, **donating those turkeys to Transitions' Home Yard Cottages.**

The tradition of giving turkeys started... well, no one knows exactly when. Keva Sonderen, Co-President at Sonderen Packaging, explained: "No one really remembers when my grandfather first started providing them to every employee, only that we have been doing it as long as anyone can remember," since the company opened in 1963.

Sonderen is a family-owned business, established by Keva's grandfather. Today, Keva and her older brother, Matt, are third generation Co-Presidents. Currently, the company is involved in the Bite2go XL program and it supports the students at Rogers High School, in addition to the Boy Scouts, the Northeast community center, and Executive Women International.

On top of their turkey tradition, Sonderen Packaging held a [holiday bazaar](#) in November to **raise money to make the season extra special for the 66 men, women, and children living in the Home Yard Cottages;** they raised an amazing \$7,000! Several employees volunteered to do the gift shopping with this money, and even the wrapping, and they will be delivering the wrapped gifts before Christmas.

66 people, each receiving several gifts, equals a lot of presents!

As many of our low-income neighbors struggle through this holiday season, the residents at the Home Yard Cottages are blessed to have such an active, supportive community partner in Sonderen Packaging. **What a great example of business and nonprofit combining forces to serve some of the most vulnerable folks in our Spokane community!**

About Transitions: *Transitions works to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, WA. To achieve this mission they operate six programs—Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare, New Leaf Bakery Cafe, and Home Yard Cottages—providing safety, support and opportunities to learn skills for success.*

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