Dear Friend of Trees,

Over 30 years, Friends of Trees has grown from a small seed of an idea into a beautiful tree. The roots that ground us? Thousands of community members who plant together each year. Thousands of donors who support this work. Local nurseries that grow our trees. And the partners that prioritize human connection, a healthy urban tree canopy, healthy watersheds, and clean air to breathe.

Today, Friends of Trees is a national model for community-based tree planting. In our 30th season of planting trees together, 7,703 community volunteers donated 41,584 hours to plant 51,049 trees and shrubs in neighborhoods and natural areas throughout western Oregon and southwest Washington.

We are thriving.

Thriving for us also means continuing to grow. We are deepening our roots in the community, exploring what equity, diversity, and inclusion means to our programming, staff, and supporters. We look critically through an equity lens and find places to improve and expand partnerships with community-based organizations in lower income neighborhoods and in communities of color. We ask ourselves questions such as, ‘what does it mean to have power in the environmental community’ and ‘how can we best use that power to lift up others?’ We come together to explore complex community issues, and we are strengthened by these conversations.

Thirty years is no easy feat, and we are grateful for all the dedication and hard work that has made us into what we are today. Looking to the future, we are excited for what is to come, curious where our creativity will take us, and optimistic about new opportunities that will arise.

We are really just at the beginning.

For Our Trees,

Whitney Dorer, Interim Executive Director
Phoebe Krueger, Board Chair
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