**REMARKS**

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I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES.

AND MY BELIEF DOESN’T LESSEN WITH TIME. IT INCREASES.

LET ME TELL YOU A BIG REASON WHY.

RECENTLY A STAFF PERSON FOR THE FOUNDATION WROTE ME A HEARTWARMING NOTE. SHE SAID “…THE BEAUTIFUL WORK PEOPLE DID FOR THE FOUNDATION, WORK THAT PREVENTED, HEALED, SUPPORTED, EDUCATED AND ENRICHED LIVES IN SOUTHERN OREGON FILLS HER WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE.’

LET’S TAKE A MINUE TO LOOK AT THIS COMMENT.

TODAY’S WORLD CREATES AN ATTITUE OF DISMAY WITHIN SO MANY OF US.

THE SPEED AT WHICH INFORMATION TRAVELS IS OVERWHELMING

WE DON’T HAVE TIME TO COMPEHEND ONE DISASTER BEFORE SEVERAL MORE ARE IN FRONT OF US. THE PACE DOESN’T ALLOW FOR THINKING ABOUT SOLUTION.

SO THE ACTIONS AND DEDICATION THAT PREVENT, HEAL, SUPPORT, EDUCATE AND ENRICH CAN GET LOST.

OR FORGOTTEN

BUT, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THIS ROOM BRING MIRACLES TO THIS WORLD, TO SOUTHERN OREGON EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGH YOUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING PEOPLE AND YOUR DEDICATION TO FULFILLING GOALS.

THE COW CREEK UMPQUA INDIAN FOUNDATION PROVIDES UNDERPINNINGS FOR THESE MIRACLES…THE WORK THAT PREVENTS, HEALS, SUPPORTS, EDUCATES AND ENRICHES.

I FEEL GRATITUDE EVERY WAKING MOMENT FOR WHAT I KNOW IS GOING ON IN OUR WORLD.

THERE IS EVERY REASON FOR HOPE.

THANK YOU.