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Dear Valued Supporters of La Foret:

We thank you for your stewardship of time, contributions and personal use and enjoyment of La Foret. We hope that if you or family members have been able to be at La Foret, that the time was personally rewarding to you.

Over the past year, we have continued to focus a large amount of energy into **improving guest experiences** at La Foret. Improvements began in April as over 20 volunteers from the local Black Forest Community Church and others from as far away as Utah and Minnesota gathered to put new yurt skins on our 20+ year old Yurts. In May, volunteers from Hayden Congregational Church volunteered to sew new curtains for all the cabins. In July, improvements continued with new chairs for Inglis Hall and the dining room. We painted the exterior of Inglis Hall in early August. We are currently working on the long-overdue stucco repair and painting of the dining hall. In addition to physical improvements, the dining room began serving meals buffet style, ending the long tradition of cafeteria-style service. Guests can now serve themselves, taking only what they want, and as much as they need.

In addition, many behind-the-scenes improvements help La Foret staff operate as efficiently as possible. We are upgrading to fiber optic internet service before next summer. For those of you who need quality internet for meetings and presentations or if you simply cannot fully disconnect while you are here, your internet experience is going to be greatly improved.

Your financial support is what makes all of this happen. This annual request for donations is for **furnishings improvements to our cabins**, always a central part of your guest experience. We will replace couch and chair cushions, purchase new lamps with USB ports for charging phones and other devices as well as bedroom lighting improvements. We also plan to purchase nightstands to go between the beds for guest convenience. Lastly, to help cover the costs of the fabric used for the new curtains. **Would you please help us do these things by giving to La Foret?**

Giving is easy, you can donate by clicking "Donate" from our website (laforet.org), mail us a check, or transfer shares of a mutual fund or IRA. Contributions are tax deductible. Those of you 70 ½ or older can give from your IRA without your withdrawal being taxed. We will provide a receipt for all contributions.

Please give as generously as you are able. We will use your gifts to improve La Foret. **Thank you** for you continued investment in the bright future of La Foret!

In peace,

The La Foret Board of Directors



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