



Portland Adventist Community Services

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Dear PACS Community,

I regret to announce that Mark Fulop has resigned from the position of Executive Director, effective Monday, June 3. We wish Mark the best as he pursues new opportunities. We're thankful for all that he has given to PACS in his time with us.

In times of leadership transition we naturally feel uncertainty. Yet the strength of PACS is in the hearts of staff, volunteers, and supporters who dedicate themselves to fulfilling our mission through service to every client. Our mission: "Following Christ's example, we nourish the mind, body, and spirit, while fostering dignity among those we serve."

As a board, we will begin seeking new leadership immediately. In the interim, the board's executive committee will be more actively available to support our capable staff in the day-to-day activity of PACS. We are thankful that Charlie Brown is available to step in immediately as *interim* Executive Director who will help to lead us through this change. Charlie's experience as a pastor and facilitator will be a great fit as we navigate the future.

For 85 years, Adventists in Portland have been coming together to serve the needs of people in their communities. This legacy is the one that PACS continues to uphold to this day. As a community, we look forward to continuing our service to dozens of families each week through our food pantry. We look forward to continuing our thrift store ministry to meet the needs of our customers and support our mission. We look forward to the soon opening of our dental clinic, allowing us to reach this unmet need. We look forward to meeting spiritual needs through chaplaincy in this community of service. We continue to hold onto the vision of a thriving urban mission that connects with the needs of people from all walks of life. Those dreams – that vision – depend on the engagement, dedication, and service of our entire community of supporters.

Thank you for believing in the mission. Thank you for your support of PACS. Thank you for your prayers as we carefully navigate this leadership transition.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and the last name "Russell" clearly distinguishable.

Jonathan Russell  
PACS Board Chair