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100+ WOMEN WHO CARE PLACER COUNTY SELECT AUBURN INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET

Auburn, CA (March 7, 2018). The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet was selected as the nonprofit to receive donations from the Placer County Chapter of the 100+ Women Who Care inaugural meeting on February 8, 2018 at Randy Peter's Catering & Event Center in Roseville. 100+Women is a group of local women who are committed to supporting our Placer County communities by contributing together as a group to nonprofits serving Placer County. They come from all walks of life and varying financial backgrounds. As a group, they have the ability to contribute and make an impact in ways that make a difference.

This donation of \$_____ completed the \$75,000 Phase 1 of the AIFC *Home 4 Us* Capital Campaign. "We are pleased to have Auburn Interfaith Food Closet as our first winner," said Vicki Curtis of 100+ Women. "Three organizations vied for this, and the final vote had all within 5% of each other. As an all-volunteer organization with 100% of its donations staying in Placer County to serve its citizens, this grant to AIFC was a great place to start."

Today, leaders of the 100+ Women who Care visited the AIFC to see the current facilities and learn more about the planned new home. "We were pleased to tour the leaders of 100+ Women who Care through our current facility. We highlighted how their donation will help us build our new facility and move at the end of 2018 when our lease expires," said Sandy Bassett, President of AIFC. "They are the first area civic organization to participate in our three-phase, \$300,000 capital campaign."

AIFC serves an integral role in the local community by providing food to hungry children, families and seniors. In 2017, the organization served over 8,000 families and provided enough food for them to prepare over 208,000 meals. Its building project will create a 4,760 square foot building in the Bowman area, at an anticipated total cost of \$1,100,000.

As of February 25, the 100+ Women Who Care has 105 members and continues to grow. This giving circle is for you if you are an amazing woman, you believe in giving back, and you believe there is power in numbers. If you want to make a difference too, consider becoming a member by visiting www.wwcplacer.com. Meetings are four times a year and members pledge \$100 per meeting to support a local charity.

AIFC is a 501(c) (3) Public Benefit Corporation, FEIN 68-0424269. It was founded in 1998 by four area churches and is now supported by 19 area faith-based organizations. With no paid staff, 88% of its budget is spent to purchase food and 94% is directly used on programs. AIFC operation expenses in 2017 were \$527,659; \$322,411 of this came through donations of food by the public and Placer Food Bank. The remaining amount was money raised via various fund-raising appeals, programs and grants. Interested parties can find more information on the AIFC website: www.auburnfoodcloset.org

How You Can Help the AIFC Sidebar:

- Donate to help us build a new home or to help us buy groceries. Mail a check to the AIFC at P. O. Box 132, Auburn CA 95604.
- Donate produce or groceries: Go to 12972 Earhart Ave. # 301 (behind Moonraker) in Auburn Monday-Friday or the last Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm.
- Get produce gleaned from your orchard: Call (530) 885-1921.
- Host a food drive at your business or civic organization: Call (530) 885-1921.
- Get additional information: Visit www.AuburnFoodCloset.org.

Photo: Co-Chairs of 100+ Women Who Care
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