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To: Editor – Winters Express

Subject: Winters Senior Center Equipment Fund

The senior community of Winters is about to achieve its long-awaited goal with the construction of the Winters Senior Center. It's been approximately six years since Mary Rolston and Joe Aguiar first envisioned a senior center in Winters. With the support of the entire Winters community, we can make the Winters Senior Center a place that will support social gatherings, events, classes and projects that enhance the lives of seniors in Winters. With your donations, the furniture and equipment needs of our Center can be realized. During this giving season, the Committee invites our community to participate in this fundraising effort. Please help us begin this effort and donate to the City of Winters – Winters Senior Center Equipment Fund. Adding the notation that your contribution is specifically for the Winters Senior Center; your tax-deductible gift should be sent to 318 First Street Winters. This will lay the foundation for new beginnings for seniors in Winters.

After years of discussion, multiple architectural renditions and grant applications, the Winters Senior Center has finally achieved the State's approval. Though both Mary and Joe have passed on, construction will finally begin in 2021. However, while the approved grant provides for the construction of the building, it does not allow for the purchase of the furniture, dishes, dishwashers or any other equipment that will support its operation. Those funds will need to come from the generosity of our community in the form of pledges and donations. To this end, the Winters Senior Center Fundraising committee was appointed at the December 6<sup>th</sup> of the Winters City Council. Already engaged in the plans for this fundraising are Marianne Boyer, Marlene Bell, Karen May and Sandy Vickrey. This massive effort will make this the Center envisioned by Mary Rolston and Joe Aguiar and reaffirmed by seniors surveyed over the last 3 years.

Join us as we launch the mission that will enhance the lives of seniors and all members of the Winters Community. By noting that the donation is specifically for the Winters Senior Center, we'll be on our way to achieving this long-awaited goal.

Sincerely,  
The Winters Senior Center Fundraising Committee.