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### **Rep. Andersen Joins Commemoration of HOPE Plaza Project Completion & Open House**

*State 2024 Legislative investment of \$750,000 helped complete funding for construction of 20-units of fully accessible, low-income permanent housing to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking*

**Salem, Ore** – Today, **Representative Tom Andersen (D-Salem)**, a first-term legislator and former Salem City Councilor, joined the HOPE Executive Director and other community leaders to commemorate the opening of the Center for Hope and Safety’s HOPE Plaza housing project.

“Housing for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking is critically important. I am very grateful and inspired by the on-the-ground work that the Center for Hope and Safety does to benefit Salem and HD-19,” said Andersen.

Andersen first engaged with this project in 2017 when he served as Salem City Councilor. During the 2024 session, the legislature funded \$750,000 for the project as part of passed SB 5701, a bill that made direct investments to address the state’s most urgent needs.

HOPE Plaza provides 20-units of fully accessible, low-income permanent housing to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. It also provides job training and services in partnership with businesses on the first floor.

“Over the years, Tom has been very supportive of our work and I am very grateful to him, the legislature, and all those who made this possible today,” said Jayne Downing, Executive Director for the Center for Hope and Safety.

HOPE Plaza is located at 454 Church St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

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