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Dear Lopez Island Community,

November 2022

Fall has arrived again on this beautiful island, and our annual membership drive accompanies the changing leaves and cool, crisp evenings. We hope you'll help Catherine Washburn Medical Association in our ongoing funding of health care services on Lopez. The Catherine Washburn Medical Association owns and maintains the Lopez Island Medical clinic land and building and also owns, maintains, and purchases equipment, furniture, and medical devices for use within the clinic. We continue to provide essential financial support to Lopez Island Physical Therapy to keep PT services thriving on Lopez Island. Every year the Sikstrom fund financially assists patients at the Pharmacy, UW clinic, LIFRC, PT, and through Cathy Doherty. All of this is made possible by the support of CWMA members and donors.

Exciting updates came to the clinic building in 2022. This summer a new state of the art X-ray machine, funded by CWMA, was installed after the old equipment was no longer able to meet patients' needs. Regular needs of the clinic continue alongside ever increasing financial challenges of operating essential medical services on a small, rural island. We're happy to provide highly subsidized rent to both the UW Medical Clinic and Lopez Island Physical Therapy.

This year we have an especially urgent task for the Lopez community. Our beloved pharmacists, Rick & Marge McCoy, are ready to retire. They have entered into a contract with a small team of pharmacists who are eager to buy the pharmacy. This same company owns and operates Friday Harbor Drug. Because the LIHD survey indicated that the Lopez community strongly supports keeping a pharmacy on the island, CWMA and the Hospital District are collaborating to subsidize the Pharmacy transition. We plan to do this concretely by subsidizing rent for the first five years. To do this, we need your help!

Since the Catherine Washburn Medical Association was established in 1971 to build the clinic building, we have depended upon the giving spirit of Lopezians to support continued medical care on Lopez. As we expand our focus to support the Lopez Island Pharmacy and continue the effort to keep Lopez safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, your financial support is critical. On a small island like Lopez, it is our commitment to care for one another that transforms a community.

Membership in CWMA is fundamental to keeping medical services available on Lopez Island. We rely on your generosity to continue to support a high standard of medical care here. Please join, renew your membership, and tell a friend to visit our website at catherinewashburnmedical.org to learn more. Please use the enclosed envelope to join CWMA or to send a contribution. You can also donate online.

The CWMA Board of Directors sincerely thanks you for your support, care, and ongoing participation in providing essential medical services on Lopez Island!

In gratitude and partnership,

Katherine Bryant Ingman
President, Catherine Washburn Medical Association