

From the Executive Director's Desk

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Dear Members,

As we move into November, I have found myself reflecting on just how much happens within the Bingham County Senior Citizens Center each day. Some of it is easy to see; the meals served, activities happening throughout the building, Meals on Wheels leaving each day, and familiar faces gathering together. But much of what keeps the Center going happens quietly behind the scenes.

Operating the Center means much more than what happens during lunch or an activity. There are grants to research and manage, reports to complete, bills to pay, funding requirements to understand, programs to coordinate, building needs to address, and plans to make for the future. A significant part of my role also involves researching regulations, requirements, resources, and opportunities to make informed decisions for the Center. At the same time, plans can quickly change when a staff member needs assistance or an unexpected situation requires immediate attention. Every day looks a little different, and all of these responsibilities are part of keeping the Center operating and moving forward.

This month, I especially want to recognize the staff. I am incredibly grateful to work alongside people who welcomed me into a new role, have shared their knowledge with me, answered countless questions, and continued to support me as we navigate changes and challenges together. I also see the work they do every day, much of which goes unnoticed, and I appreciate the care and effort they put into keeping the Center's programs and services running.

I am equally grateful for the many volunteers, donors, businesses, organizations, and community partners who make this work possible. Whether someone gives their time, makes a donation, supports a fundraiser, delivers meals, shares resources, or simply asks how they can help, every contribution helps strengthen the work we are able to do.

As Executive Director, much of my responsibility is focused on ensuring that the Center is not only serving people today but is positioned to continue doing so well into the future. That means looking beyond what is happening in the moment, doing the necessary research, and making decisions with the long-term health and sustainability of the organization in mind.

This Thanksgiving season, I hope we can take a moment to appreciate all that happens within these walls and all of the people who make it possible. There is much to be grateful for, and I am thankful for everyone who contributes positively to the Bingham County Senior Citizens Center.

Sincerely, Jamie Melling