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Skaggs Foundation
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Distinguished Members of the Skaggs Foundation Board of Directors,

I am writing today to share my thoughts on the impact that the Skaggs Legacy Endowment has had on the Substance Use Initiative, what it means to our community, and to thank you for the support and funding that you have provided.

Without the Skaggs Legacy Endowment, the Substance Use Initiative would not exist as it does today. The funding that has been provided over the last two years has allowed CoxHealth to focus on a topic that was previously unacknowledged and was not being addressed in a comprehensive, collaborative way.

Thanks to the generous funding, CoxHealth has been able to fund two positions that are dedicated to the implementation and support of evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment modalities. In addition, the funding has supported the strengthening of data collection across the two counties, as well as increased collaboration and communication among community partners. As gaps have been identified, Katie and I have been able meet the needs of partner agencies in respect to education and training, curriculum and programs, and the generation of additional resources for the two counties.

Although the journey ahead is long, every day, conversations are happening that will increase the impact of the Initiative in the future. Every day, steps are being made to advance the use of SAMSHA's Seven Strategies for Community Change. Every day, community members are learning about the risk factors for substance misuse and the consequences that it has on our children, our schools, our businesses, and our lives.

Thank you for directing funding to vital programs in Stone & Taney counties, including the Substance Use Initiative, but most importantly, thank you for caring about the future of this community and dedicating your service to it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MHagan".

Marietta Hagan, Project Coordinator
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