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THANKSGIVING greetings to members and Friends of Evergreen Cemetery Association,

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees along with Executive Director Dede Tollefson and Superintendent Tom McCartan have continued our efforts to perpetuate the legacy of our cemeteries as places of Rest, Remembrance and Reflection. To do so requires financial support from the community.

We are especially **THANKFUL** this **THANKSGIVING** for the generous support of the Community. The following is a brief summary of what your support provides for our cemeteries.

1. With the continuing request for above ground inurnments of cremains, our second Columbarium was placed at Memorial Gardens. Landscaping consistent with our master plan is taking place with plans for additional columbaria in the future. This was made possible from donations from our Association members and friends – **THANK YOU!**
2. We continue working with an Arborist on tree trimming, tree removal and tree replacement to perpetuate the overall appearance of our cemeteries. Donations designated for the planting of trees have been welcomed and continue to be needed. Trees help maintain the health and beauty of the grounds of our 146-year-old cemetery spreading over 40 acres – **THANK YOU!**
3. We necessarily continue to focus on our daily operational needs. We purchased a new loader/backhoe in 2023 at a cost of \$42,565, replacing the 45-year-old backhoe, with a monthly payment of \$500, a used truck, two lawn mower tractors and accomplished needed repairs for the water system. This is an area of needed donations as it provides for unplanned expenses such as the \$2000 wall furnace in the maintenance garage. To cover these expenses, we do not like to draw from savings/investments or from donations designated for a specific focus. This is a great opportunity for those who are seeking a place to make a gift for a non-profit, community need. **THANK YOU** for your past donations.
4. The majority of the office remodeling, including heating and air conditioning as well as electrical services has been completed. It has been in the budget for some time but with your donations we now have efficient workspace and secure storage of critical records required to be preserved. More work is still needed on updating the front office and computer systems – **THANK YOU!**
5. Your support to the Evergreen Cemetery Association to help in our general maintenance and grounds keeping is appreciated and needed. A contribution of as small as \$10 helps when many share in the giving. Please be reminded that we are a

501(c)13 (tax deductible) non-profit public cemetery managed by a volunteer 9-member Board of Trustees. Please consider adding Evergreen Cemetery Association to your charitable contribution recipients or leaving a legacy gift by including the cemeteries in your will or estate planning. Older members and friends may wish to do a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). We express our heartfelt **THANKS** for the critical financial support many of you provide Evergreen Cemetery Association through your generous donations. And, **THANKS** to Volunteers who are always welcome. For those who may wish to contribute their time and talents, please contact our office for information. Maybe you want to join a group.

6. Our website contains information about the Evergreen Cemetery Association including the Directory of the Dead and how to contact us for any reason. Also, the website, email, phone, mailing address and Trustees are noted on the letterhead.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Trustees

EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

2024 Donation Form

Make a donation or volunteer - cut out and send in this form.

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