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Dear Mesa Verde Gardens and Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust Communities,

The arrival of spring always marks a new chapter in the garden- a time for renewal and opportunity for growth. This spring will also begin a new chapter for Mesa Verde Gardens (MVG) as a whole, as Ana Melgoza completes her tenure as Executive Director on March 31.

Following Ana's departure, MVG will undergo a transition to become a program of its current fiscal agent, the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust (Health Trust). We are looking for the transition to be completed July 1, 2020.

This transition is an opportunity to cultivate new growth from the work seeded by Ana, the gardeners, and all the other hands that have supported MVG since its inception in 2011.

By joining the Health Trust as a program, MVG will have the opportunity to expand upon its work to improve food security and health in the Pajaro Valley, enabling more families to grow their own organic produce, resiliency, and self-empowerment. The union will also provide opportunities for MVG families to connect to Health Trust services, like nutrition education, and vice-versa.

DeAndre James, Executive Director of the Health Trust, will act as interim director of MVG as it transitions to a program of the Trust. You will hear more about MVG's transition process as it unfolds and should contact the individuals listed below for any questions.

We are grateful to Ana for her careful stewardship of MVG and look forward to the possibilities this merger holds.

Sincerely,

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