

Updates from the Growing Friends of Helena

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Dear Growing Friends of Helena Member,

We are writing to notify you of a potential security breach of our membership database this past Tuesday, May 20th. We do not know the full extent of the breach, but the computer that houses our membership database was compromised.

The information stored in our membership database includes: member name, address, phone number, email, membership status (active or not), and dues and donations received. We do not record any member's financial or other personal (non-public) information in our database, so we don't believe there was a breach of any confidential personal information through this incident.

To protect yourself from potential scammers that may be trying to reach you, the following actions are recommended by the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Advice. The attached document provides more details on how to recognize and avoid common scams.

- Be suspicious of unknown phone numbers, email addresses, or text messages. Block unwanted calls, emails, and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request you didn't initiate or expect. Legitimate organizations will never ask for this information unsolicited.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you only pay with cryptocurrency (like Bitcoin), wire transfer, a payment app, or a gift card. Never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust.

We understand and value the importance of our members' privacy and deeply regret any inconvenience this may cause you. We have taken several measures to address this incident and prevent future occurrences. Your trust is our top priority, and we are committed to safeguarding your information. If you have any questions, please reach out via our email: growingfriends@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Petersen, Board President Ben Brouwer, Board Vice President Mindy Flanders, Treasurer Ann McCauley, Secretary



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