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Dear Nomination Committee,

It is an honour and privilege to offer a letter in support of Marg Pollon's nomination for a Prime Minister's Volunteer Award. Marg, through her work at Bridges of Love Ministries, is a true social innovator who works tirelessly to better the Calgary community. She is an exemplary leader who has devoted her time to making a difference in the lives of others through her passion, vision and dedication.

Marg's work at Bridges of Love has created a dynamic partnership of faith networks working alongside of the federal, provincial and municipal government emergency sectors in a unique collaborative to provide critically needed services and support for community members when emergencies occur. Her work demonstrates very clearly the power of innovation and the leadership required to forge new and substantive partnerships. She skillfully navigates the complexities of collaboration with wisdom, compassion and insight to work across sectors to strengthen our community.

There is perhaps, no better way to describe Marg's unique style, than through her belief in the "power of pie". By bringing a homemade, fresh-baked apple pie to meetings that may be contentious, Marg creates a space of hospitality that goes far beyond a simple dessert and fosters dialogue, exchange and commonality.

Marg is a catalyst for change. She sees beyond the boundaries that sometimes separate people working in different fields and she sees the potential for connecting the faith community with the needs of the broader community. She sees both the needs and possibilities within our community.

Marg is a leader, a builder and a supporter. She is a true example of a servant leader, an excellent candidate and one I hope you will consider for a Prime Minister's Volunteer Award.

Sincerely,

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