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Celebrating 50 Years of Community Support and Growth with Changing Tides Family Services

This year, Changing Tides Family Services proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of connecting the community to the resources they need to thrive. The nonprofit began by providing subsidized child care programs and has grown to offer a wide range of services. Today, these services also include behavioral health support, services for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, and ongoing advocacy and policy shaping at the local, state, and national levels.

This 50th anniversary comes at a poignant time as our local community grapples with the uncertainty and significant shifts from the federal level, particularly around child care and family services. "While these challenges could have widespread effects, Changing Tides Family Services remains focused on its commitment to providing reliable, community-driven support," said Kerry Venegas, Executive Director of Changing Tides Family Services.

Over the years, Changing Tides has continued to grow and change to fit the community's needs. Established in 1975, the organization began with its roots in workforce development, creating and supporting child care opportunities for working families. Five decades later, the organization has expanded to a staff of over 150, offering a wide range of child care, behavioral health, disability, and community services. Each of our programs is guided by our commitment to empowering families and individuals in our community in ways that create a positive ripple effect throughout the community.

As the nonprofit looks to the years ahead, they are even more committed to offering the resources and programs that work to build a stronger, more resilient region, regardless of the political climate. "Humboldt County has had a long history of taking care of our own,"

Venegas emphasized. "It's boots-on-the-ground organizations that make the biggest difference in our local community."

As Changing Tides Family Services celebrates this significant milestone, it invites the community to join in reflecting on a shared history of resilience and partnership. Together, we can continue to support Humboldt's families, ensuring that the next fifty years are filled with growth, strength, and unwavering community spirit.

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Changing Tides Family Services is a nonprofit committed to connecting families of all kinds to the resources and services they need to thrive. Serving all of Humboldt, we are a dynamic family resource agency offering an array of programs and services that support families, individuals, child care providers and the community. Each of our programs is guided by our commitment to empowering families and individuals in our community in ways that create a positive ripple effect throughout Humboldt County. For more information about Changing Tides Family Services and its programs, visit changingtidesfs.org or call (707) 444-8293.