

Dear Friends,

In June, we celebrate the beginning of summer and honor and acknowledge two important events – **Pride Month and Juneteenth**. The need for social change has never been greater.

At The Sophia Way, we promote a culture of inclusion while **recognizing and celebrating diversity**. It is at the center of our mission to be a place of hope and change for women. People with different perspectives and experiences **work together in harmony** at The Sophia Way. We believe that our strength lies in diversity – that by sharing and hearing lived experiences there are **better outcomes for all**. Our [stated values](#) emphasize how we serve women without homes and support the staff who cares for them like family.

We choose **love** over hate, **inclusion** over exclusion. We ensure that everyone has access to all that they need to thrive. We ensure that all voices are heard and understood. Because it is the **right thing to do**.

Please join us in creating awareness and encourage acceptance by –

1. Listening to and learning from people with different lived experiences
2. Speaking out against inequities
3. Connecting others you know to resources to create better understanding
4. Supporting local legislation that promotes equity and inclusion

In Gratitude,



Alisa Chatinsky
Chief Executive Officer

*"In diversity
there is beauty and
there is strength."
- Maya Angelou*





A Home for Everyone

At The Sophia's Way's Community Conversations, city officials, nonprofit professionals, and community members met to learn, discuss, and share their thoughts about permanent supportive housing.

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A Place of Hope and Change

Helen's Place *Waking Walkers*



"Clients love our morning walking group. It has been a refreshing addition to their day and has helped reduce their anxiety levels."

- Atiyah, Shelter Staff

Sophia's Place *A Night of We*



Observing that clients were having a tough week, staff member Sharron, brought her Wii for a game night.

"It was lovely to see the residents come together and enjoy themselves. There was laughter and cheering as they encouraged each other. Ice cream and cupcakes added to a special evening."

Day Center *Building Community*



"While the Day Center is transient in nature, there are many moments when women support and connect with each other – such as helping someone learn English or participating in a scavenger hunt, or celebrating when someone gets housing!"

- Kellie, Shelter Staff



The Sophia Way

SHELTERING
from the storm

Virtual Fall Fundraiser

SAVE *the* DATE

Tuesday
September 21st
12 pm

As always, there are many opportunities for you to get involved and support women in finding shelter, safety, and stability.

Email Sairah Siddique to learn more!
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