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
**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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**“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

**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.”**  
- Kellie, Shelter Staff

**“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
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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