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Dear friends,

A few months ago, we shared the difficult news that the loss of a critical grant required us to close the doors of our safehouse program. Today, we're reaching out with another challenging update: due to continued financial pressures, Brigid's House made the difficult decision to close our community-based rental assistance program, known as Rapid Rehousing, as of June 30th.

Over the last two years, Brigid's House has experienced a number of funding shortfalls that made it clear our initial funding structure was not sustainable long term. As a leadership team, we found ourselves at a crossroads: continue providing services while pursuing uncertain funding - or pause providing direct care and determine our next steps.

After months of thoughtful dialogue with our board, partners, and advisors, we chose to center our decision on our core mission: deeply caring for survivors. Therefore, in alignment with trauma-informed principles of transparency, trustworthiness, collaboration, and safety, we decided to proactively transition our clients to trusted community providers who could offer them uninterrupted support. This decision - while painful - was rooted in our values, most notably our commitment to survivor-centered support. By prioritizing a responsible and compassionate transition for every client - over and above concerns about what this could mean for us as an organization - we put the needs of survivors first.

This season is giving us the opportunity to reflect, listen, and reimagine a more sustainable and effective future. As part of this transition, I have made the difficult personal decision to step down from my role as Executive Director. Over the past several months, I've done my best to hold both the incredible privilege of pursuing the future vision of Brigid's House and the immense responsibility of caring for staff and clients who were deeply, personally impacted by the funding uncertainty the organization faced.

Working alongside this team - staff, survivors, board members, and community partners - has been a gift. While this past year brought challenges none of us anticipated, I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish together. Our goal was to bring radically trauma-informed care to anti-trafficking work, both for survivors and for our staff - we succeeded. So, as I step away from this role, I do so with hope.

The Brigid's House Board of Directors will lead the organization through a strategic planning process that is rooted in our mission and accountable for achieving sustainability. I look forward to supporting that work in new ways, and I remain committed to this community and the values we've built together.

With hope,

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