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April is the month we always do our big Annual Ophelia Project Luncheon, but as you know, we have to cancel our big fundraising event for the 2nd year in a row due to COVID! We have been looking for many ways to keep Ophelia viable, funded and fresh in the minds of all those who support and follow this amazing program.

Last month, in the March newsletter, I announced another concept we have been planning to launch.... "Ophelia Friends & Fare". We have formed a partnership with 6 local restaurants who are willing to each host 2 dining events for Ophelia Project. The first of 12 dining events was March 23rd and the final event will be held April 29th. It's an opportunity for Ophelia supporters to experience a wonderful meal with close friends and family after being 'shut in' for such a long time due to COVID. Following the CDC guidelines, the restaurants will offer special and elegant menu choices in outdoor seating with social distancing for a limited number of meal reservations that will benefit Ophelia Project. It's perfect for people who wish to begin to 'get out' and be 'social' in a safe setting while benefiting Ophelia Project.

The restaurants who have joined this Ophelia partnership are:

Mitch's on El Paseo
ROC's Firehouse Grille
The Nest

Le Paon
Casuelas Cafe
Cork Tree Restaurant

Many of you have attended some of our monthly entertainment productions delivered in the zoom format called "Evenings with Ophelia". Now we hope you will consider making a reservation for "Ophelia Friends & Fare":

<https://www.jfkfoundation.org/ophelia-friends-and-fare/>

We are certainly working hard to find new ways to be creative and innovative while adapting to the new world. Stay safe and healthy everyone and thank you for your commitment to Ophelia Project!

Susan Francis
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