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Dear Ophelia Supporters,

As I mentioned in my April letter, we were trying out a new concept during the month of April designed to keep Ophelia Project fresh in people's minds during the COVID shut down, "Ophelia Friends & Fare". The plan was to partner with 6 local restaurants, each agreed to host 2 dining events for Ophelia Project offering a total of 12 opportunities to have lunch or a light evening meal with your friends. Of course, each restaurant followed the current CDC guidelines providing special and elegant menu choices in outdoor seating with social distancing for a limited number of meal reservations - all to benefit the Ophelia Project. Many of you purchased tickets, brought friends and generously supported this fundraising and awareness raising series. We thank you!

I also want to thank "Ophelia Friends & Fare" Event Sponsors who bought multiple tables and each Sponsored an Ophelia Girl:

Leon Bennett  
Pat Clinton  
Kathy Felci  
Gale Hackshaw  
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David McFarland  
Ray Rodriguez  
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We appreciate and thank the restaurants who joined this Ophelia partnership:

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

Le Paon  
Casuelas Cafe  
Cork Tree Restaurant

In review of how the idea worked, we learned a lot about what format changes to implement if we decide to offer a similar series in the future. We appreciate all your helpful suggestions and comments.

Now, in honor of Mother's Day, I want to share a quote (author unknown):

*"Mothers are their daughters' role model, their biological and emotional road map, the arbiter of all their relationships."*

This is also true for the Mentor's relationships with Ophelia Girls. THANK YOU to all our Mentors who are like a second mother to our wonderful Ophelia Girls.

Susan Francis  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation home of Ophelia Project