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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

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We appreciate and thank the restaurants who joined this Ophelia partnership:

Mitch's on El Paseo

Le Paon

ROC's Firehouse Grille

Casuelas Cafe

The Nest

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

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