



August 14, 2023

Dear Safe Harbor and Her Story Partners,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. We are thrilled to share some remarkable news that will undoubtedly shape the future of our mission and the lives we touch. We are writing to announce an exciting step forward in the commitment to our cause: the merger of Her Story, INC and Safe Harbor House.

Her Story, INC has been instrumental in bridging the gap in substance use and mental health services within our community and being a small part of God's plan of making lives new. Safe Harbor has been mirroring the compassionate mission of Christ in Luke 4:12, where He proclaimed, "He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." With this shared spirit, Her Story has planted seeds of hope and recovery and Safe Harbor has championed a 24/7 residential and Christ-centered program empowering women towards healing and equipping them with essential life skills for quality living. We will no doubt serve clients stronger together along the continuum of care as we move forward with this merger.

Both Safe Harbor and Her Story have been steadfast in our individual pursuits of planting seeds of hope, healing, and recovery within our community. Through your unwavering support, we have achieved remarkable milestones, transforming lives and fostering growth. However, as we look to the future, we believe that by combining our strengths, experiences, and resources, we can achieve an even greater impact together.

Since 2018, Her Story and Safe Harbor, we have walked alongside one another in ministry; the ups and downs, the celebrations and graduations of women breaking the cycle of family trauma and addiction, and finding healing and hope in Jesus. We have witnessed women being baptized, the Lord restoring them, and now seeing them prosper in ministry and work. With both agencies, our shared values, missions, and dedication to making a meaningful difference have paved the way for this monumental collaboration. We firmly believe that by merging our organizations, the Lord can leverage the collective expertise of both teams to deliver more comprehensive and impactful solutions to the challenges we aim to address. This synergy will enable us to reach new heights in our efforts and empower us to reach even more individuals in need.

Our shared faith-based foundation, coupled with our commitment to behavioral health and substance use treatment, allows us to create a stronger and more comprehensive continuum of care for the women we serve. By bringing Safe Harbor under the umbrella of



Her Story, INC, we aim to amplify our impact, serving more clients and diversifying our funding opportunities to ensure the sustainability of our programs.

What does this mean for you, our cherished donors and partners? It means that your support will now have an even broader and deeper impact. Your trust in us has been the driving force behind our achievements, and we want you to know that this trust is not only being preserved but enhanced through this merger. Your contributions will continue to transform lives, and now, with a wider network of resources and expertise, we are poised to achieve transformative change on an even larger scale. Please note, you can continue to specify what program your funds can go towards and designate if you want to continue supporting the program at Safe Harbor or Her Story, respectively.

We understand that change can be both invigorating and challenging. Rest assured, our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence remains unwavering. We will keep you informed every step of the way, ensuring that you are part of this journey as we navigate this exciting transition.

In the coming weeks, you can expect to hear more about the merger process, including updates on how this collaboration will strengthen our programs, expand our reach, and deepen our impact. We are genuinely excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and the countless lives that will benefit from our united efforts. Practically, we anticipate the merger formally taking place January 1, 2024. Be on the lookout for an invitation to a stakeholder meeting in the fall from Safe Harbor and a merger celebration in the winter from Her Story.

Should you have any questions or thoughts about the merger, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [sandi@herstoryhouse.com](mailto:sandi@herstoryhouse.com) or [carin@safeharborhouse.org](mailto:carin@safeharborhouse.org). We are eager to address any concerns you may have and share more details about our exciting plans.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of our journey. With your support, Her Story and Safe Harbor are embarking on a path that we believe the Lord will use to plant seeds for change and see women become new creations, with the old falling away and becoming restored, renewed, and redeemed.

Blessings,

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