Friends,

Happy New Year 2021! I am writing you today with gratitude for where we have been and optimism for our future. In 2020, we faced challenges, obstacles, and a shared grief that will likely shape a part of us for generations to come. However, we at HAVEN are entering into this year with so much hope. Hope that is rooted in our belief that together we can continue to achieve our mission of empowering survivors to heal, and engaging all in addressing and preventing intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

In 2020, we celebrated our 45 year anniversary. We have come a long way in 45 years and, though we weren’t able to celebrate this milestone the way we had planned, we had so many other milestones to celebrate. We were able to connect with survivors in new ways through virtual counseling and advocacy services. We expanded our coordinated community response and collaborated with agency partners across our community and beyond. And we continued to engage the community and promote prevention to diverse audiences through social media and virtual platforms.

We also continued to provide the crucial face to face services that our community relies upon. Our shelter staff kept our doors open so that survivors and their children always had a safe place to call home. Our nurses continued to provide survivor-centered forensic exams. Our resource center staff worked with survivors in transition to help them stay housed and ensure they were never without basic needs. And our advocates connected with survivors in crisis face to face to support and empower. These staff are our heroes.

2021 for HAVEN will be all about integrating and elevating. We want to take what we learned this year and integrate our successes into a service model that is responsive and inclusive moving forward. We want to deepen our relationships with our systems partners so that the safety net for survivors is strong enough to support all who need us. And we want to keep hearing from, working with, and serving all of you.

Our events, our engagement opportunities, and our fundraisers will continue to look a little different this year. We are planning a signature Gala with enough fluidity to allow us to have maximum engagement in whichever method is safest in the moment. Our hope is that we will be able to see you in person later this year. I sincerely cannot wait for that to be possible!

Here’s to a year free of violence and filled with hope, partnership and community.

With gratitude,

Aimee Nimah
HAVEN President/CEO

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