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Families Forward's Commitment to Equity

This is not our usual email, but I wanted to write to reassure you, our community of supporters, how seriously we take our commitment to equity across each of our five core values: **dignity, empowerment, accountability, hope, and community spirit.**

First, I want to acknowledge the disparity in our community and across our nation. With a desire for progress and the knowledge that there is no place for inequality in our organization, Families Forward actively affirms the worth and dignity of every individual, and we support you and your families during these difficult times.

Our mission is to serve families and break the cycle of homelessness. In this, we build stronger foundations and communities. Through our core values, we embrace diversity and inclusion. We are stronger together and together we can promote unity and healing.

We are committed to listening, to learning and to continuing positive change. As an organization whose mission it is to ensure all children have a safe place to sleep at night, we are committed to ensuring equality is an integral part of that mission.

Families Forward provides hope to families experiencing homelessness, supporting new beginnings and allowing dreams of the future to emerge. This hope is more important now than ever.

Together, we can all make a difference.

Sincerely,

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