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Dear Members, Partner Programs and Supporters,

It is with great sadness, yet very much with a feeling of responsibility, that we must announce the cancellation of this year's Annual *Follow Your Dreams Gala*. After a meeting with our Executive Board and considering the input of various city, state and federal leaders, it was apparent that this is the responsible thing to do because of the Coronavirus crisis. Additionally, we will be forced to suspend all Grants presently scheduled for the 2020 year. It is our hope that once we are clear to begin fund raising operations, we will make an announcement as to how to proceed with the approved grants for 2020. Should safety and regulations allow us to proceed with our late Summer Program, we plan to address the 2020 JOSIE Awards along with the 2020 Honoree and Recognition Awards, at that time.

Obviously our priority and focus, at this time, is on the importance of keeping everyone safe and following the guidelines set forth by the governing bodies. We are determined to come back and move forward with our mission once we are able to get through this challenging health crisis. The Foundation has many wonderful things planned for September of 2020 and it is our hope we will be able to proceed in moving forward with our mission.

The Josephine Foundation wants you all to know how much we appreciate your support over the years. We are all disappointed in what is going on at this time with the health crisis. We want our partner programs to know that your work will mean even more once this virus is a thing of the past. The communities you serve will need you to start the healing process. We appreciate all you have done in the past and hope you will be able to weather the storm until we get some sunlight in the forecast. We pledge to be there with you when the Sun comes out.

Please know that we will have all of you in our thoughts and prayers with the hope that you all will be able to follow the guidelines, stay healthy and be ready to go when we are able to defeat this virus.

Stay engaged, stay informed of the facts, stay strong and most of all stay healthy.

Sincere Peace my Brothers and Sister in the Arts,

Andrew J Koslosky

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