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Dear Members of the SPPC Committee,

The Sisters of St. Joseph, give our wholehearted support to the Whole of Community System Response and the way in which it has reawakened our collective will to be a community that can do better and work more collaboratively. Over the period from November to January, many of us experienced a growing ecosystem of care that was waiting just below the surface for a flashpoint to bring it forward.

Over many years, we have heard many partners in the city express growing discouragement verging on despair some days, that in spite of tremendous care and hard work, we simply are not able to create the change we know is possible and that the community needs.

We are pleased to walk together with so many sectors bringing our strengths together. The process itself has been incredibly inspiring and full of commitment for the new that we can be together. As you know, we are part of the 602 Queens Hub with Regional HIV/AIDS Connection, London Cares Homeless Response Services, Thames Valley Family Health Team and ourselves, St. Joes Café. We hope to be able to offer some of our new learnings, share some of our not so helpful decisions [in hindsight] and what we see changing as we move along.

We appreciate your part in this process and look forward to being part of a system in transformation. *We're in!*



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