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As we launch into the new year, A Wider Circle is excited to announce two significant changes.

First, A Wider Circle’s Founder, Dr. Mark Bergel, is advancing the mission to end poverty by launching The Shared Humanity Project, a separate 501c3 that will bring together people of all ages, races, and backgrounds to work toward economic and social change. Among its first initiatives will be the National Plan to End Poverty. The plan will redefine and measure what poverty and economic need mean, offer concrete steps that individuals and organizations can take to end poverty, and create a community of actors from all sectors that work together to promote economic justice. The Shared Humanity Project will also release its Economic Justice Certification in 2021, providing the opportunity for organizations of all types to highlight their commitment to helping people achieve economic stability.

A Wider Circle is proud to be a founding partner and supporter of the Shared Humanity Project and looks forward to working in partnership to eradicate poverty and provide opportunities for all across the nation to achieve full potential.

And, we are also excited to announce that our own Amy Javaid is now interim President & CEO. Amy has been with the organization for four years on staff, and many years prior as a volunteer. She has held many roles across several departments, including Workforce Development, Neighborhood Partnerships, and Development, and is honored to lead into the new era of A Wider Circle.

In 2021, A Wider Circle will remain steadfast in its three programmatic realms of Essential Support, Workforce Development, and Neighborhood Partnerships, while maintaining a commitment to outreach and awareness building. Additionally, we will continue to listen to and address the urgent and emergency needs of those seeking our support, much as we did in the past year for items such as food and PPE. We are grateful for the tremendous support of donors, partners, volunteers, and staff that made all of this possible, and look to deepen these relationships in the year to come.

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