

A Message from the CEO

Our Mission

Stronger 2Gether empowers women to overcome challenges and achieve success through education, mentorship, and access to transformative resources. We foster a supportive sisterhood, equipping women with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to break barriers and excel personally and professionally. Our goal is to cultivate women who embody strength, resilience, and self-worth.

Our Vision

We aspire to inspire women everywhere to pursue their ambitions boldly and support one another in reaching their highest potential. Our vision is a world where women lift each other up, forming a network of encouragement and shared achievement. Together, we create opportunities for every woman to thrive and help others do the same.

Our Values

We are committed to providing safe and nurturing spaces where women can pause from life's demands, breathe deeply, and be replenished - rediscovering hope, reigniting dormant dreams, and embracing their God-given purpose that still calls their name.

As we prepare to close out another transformative year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we have made together since our last newsletter in March. These past months have been filled with milestones, renewed connections, and important steps toward strengthening our mission and expanding our reach. One of the most exciting and meaningful moments of the year has been our official transition from Sisters Helping Sisters Win to Stronger 2Gether. This shift reflects not only our growth, but also the collective strength, unity and vision that continue to guide us. While our name has evolved, the heart of our work remains deeply rooted in empowerment, sisterhood and community. I want to assure everyone that our beloved annual Sisters Helping Sisters Win event will be returning in March 2026. It is a foundational part of who we are, and we look forward to celebrating it with even greater purpose under the Stronger 2Gether umbrella. This year also gave us many opportunities to show up in the community in meaningful and impactful ways. From local volunteer initiatives to participating in events across the region, it was refreshing and energizing to be present, engaged and hands-on. The partnerships we've built and the relationships we've strengthened over the last several months have opened doors for new possibilities and collaborations that will carry us well into 2026. One of the highlights of our programming this year was the introduction of several new initiatives developed through the Stronger 2Gether vision. These programs were designed with intention - to meet emerging needs, to expand support, and to create spaces where women and families can thrive. We are proud of the positive feedback we've received so far, and we look forward to continuing to grow these offerings in the coming year. And of course, we can't forget The After Party, which was a huge success and a wonderful celebration of connection, joy and community spirit. It served as a reminder of what we can accomplish - and how much fun we can have - when we come together with purpose and passion.

As this year comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you. Your support - whether through financial contributions, volunteer efforts, partnership, or simply staying engaged with our mission - has been essential to our progress. None of what we do would be possible without the encouragement and belief of our community.

As we embrace this holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to our Stronger 2Gether community. May this time be more than a celebration - may it be a reminder of the power of love, unity and togetherness. I hope our days are filled with meaningful moments, heartfelt conversations, and the warmth of family, friends, and loved ones. Let this season inspire you to reflect on how far you've come, appreciate the blessings around you, and step into the new year with hope, strength and renewed purpose. Happy Holidays and may your hearts be lifted and your spirits renewed as we move forward - stronger together.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Please keep an eye out for all the exciting initiatives, events, and opportunities we have planned for 2026. Together, we are truly stronger.

Warmest holiday wishes,
Neila Johnson



Helping Hands Scholarship: Leah's Story

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." **Galatians 6:10 (NIV)***

We are absolutely thrilled to share an extraordinary story about Leah, a recipient of our Helping Hands Scholarship, whose journey this year touched our hearts in ways words can barely capture. After being given up for adoption more than 40 years ago, Leah had carried with her a quiet hope of one day connecting with her biological mother. This year, that hope became reality.

Through a combination of determination, the support of loved ones, and the encouragement of those around her—including our Stronger 2Gether community—Leah was able to reunite with her mother for the first time in decades. The moment was deeply emotional, filled with tears, laughter, and the profound sense of finally coming home.

The reunion didn't end there. Leah also had the opportunity to meet siblings she had never known existed, as well as extended family members who embraced her warmly. Imagine the joy of discovering an entire family, the connections, stories, and love that had been waiting for her all those years. For Leah, this journey was about more than reunion—it was about identity, belonging, and the immeasurable power of family.

While the Helping Hands Scholarship was just one piece of Leah's journey, we are honored to have been a part of the support system that helped her take these steps. Her courage, resilience, and openness to reconnect with her roots inspired all of us at Stronger 2Gether.

Leah's story is a beautiful reminder of why our work matters. Beyond scholarships or programs, we exist to uplift, encourage, and walk alongside one another through life's milestones—big and small. Seeing Leah embrace this long-awaited reunion filled our hearts with joy and reinforces the profound impact that community, love, and support can have.

We celebrate Leah, her mother, and her newly discovered family—and we feel truly blessed to have been part of this life-changing journey.



Juneteenth 2025

"Make every effort to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the bond of peace [each individual working together to make the whole successful]." **Ephesians 4:3 (AMP)**

This year, Stronger 2Gether had the privilege of marching in the Juneteenth Parade, and it was an unforgettable experience for our entire organization. As a multicultural group dedicated to unity, empowerment, and community connection, marching together held deep significance for us. Being surrounded by so many people—families, leaders, organizations, and community members from all backgrounds—created an atmosphere filled with pride, joy, and reflection.

Walking the parade route allowed us to honor the history and meaning of Juneteenth in a powerful and visible way. With every step, we remembered the strength of those who fought for freedom, the progress that has been made, and the work that still lies ahead. The celebration, music, and positive energy around us reminded us that Juneteenth is not only about looking back, but also about celebrating how far we've come and the possibilities that still exist when we stand together.

For our team, participating wasn't just about being present—it was about being connected. We had meaningful conversations, made new relationships, and felt embraced by the community in a way that strengthened our sense of purpose. The unity we experienced reflected exactly what Stronger 2Gether stands for: people from all cultures walking forward together, supporting one another, and celebrating both our differences and what unites us.

Marching in the Juneteenth Parade was a beautiful reminder of why we do this work. It inspired us, energized us, and reaffirmed our commitment to continuing to build bridges, create opportunities, and uplift every voice. It truly was a moment we will carry with us—one that embodies the spirit of being Stronger 2Gether.



The After Party

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it."
Proverbs 3:27 GNBDC

Our organization proudly hosted its First Annual After Party, a thoughtfully curated evening created to honor and uplift mothers of school-aged children who weathered the beautiful, chaotic journey of summer break. After months filled with managing long days of "I'm bored," coordinating family outings and vacations, preparing multiple meals a day, and juggling the constant activity that comes when children are home full-time, these mothers deserved a moment that was solely for them. The After Party was envisioned as a space where they could finally exhale—an evening carved out intentionally for rest, sisterhood, and recognition before stepping into the demanding rhythm of the approaching school year.

The event took place poolside, offering a serene backdrop that immediately set the tone for relaxation. Guests were welcomed with refreshing beverages, a deliciously prepared spread of food, and music that carried a vibrant but calming energy throughout the night. This space allowed for the women to reconnect with themselves and enjoy the company of other women who understood their experiences.

A deeply meaningful element of the evening was the involvement of our dedicated teen volunteers, who generously gave their time to serve and support the mothers being honored. These young people greeted guests, assisted with food and activities, and played a key role in making the evening flow smoothly. Their presence not only added warmth to the event but also demonstrated the importance of community, gratitude, and giving back. Watching the teens serve with joy and respect was a powerful reminder of the positive impact that mentorship and strong family values can have on the next generation.

In addition to the relaxing environment, the After Party featured engaging activities, uplifting conversations, and a variety of games and entertainment that sparked genuine joy. A highlight of the evening was the extensive lineup of giveaways—from self-care bundles to gift cards and special surprises—designed to pour back into the women who continually pour into their families. The night was filled with heartfelt moments, light-hearted fun, and plenty of laughter echoing across the pool deck.

Our First Annual After Party was more than an event; it was a celebration of resilience, community, and the shared experiences of motherhood. It set the foundation for a cherished tradition dedicated to acknowledging the strength of these incredible women and reminding them that they, too, deserve to be cared for, appreciated, and poured into. We look forward to expanding this event in the years to come and continuing to create meaningful spaces that honor the women who give so much of themselves every day.



Inspired Women's Network Recognition

"For God, the Faithful One, is not unfair. How can He forget the beautiful work you have done for Him? He remembers the love you demonstrate as you continually serve his beloved one for the glory of His name." Hebrews 6:10 (TPT)

This year marked a meaningful milestone for our organization as we had the privilege of building a strong connection with INSPIRED WOMEN, a dynamic women's organization dedicated to empowering, uplifting, and equipping women to reach their fullest potential. From the moment we learned about INSPIRED WOMEN and the incredible, purpose-driven work they lead across communities, we felt an immediate alignment in mission, passion, and vision. Their commitment to creating spaces where women can grow, be supported, and be genuinely inspired resonated deeply with our own goals and the heart of our organization.

Because of this shared spirit and like-mindedness, we proudly became members of INSPIRED WOMEN earlier this year. Joining their network has allowed us to connect with other passionate leaders, expand our reach, and engage in meaningful collaborations that strengthen the work we do. Being part of this organization has already enriched our journey, reminding us of the power of unity, collective strength, and women supporting women.

In October, we were humbled and blessed to experience the generosity and impact of INSPIRED WOMEN firsthand. Our organization was selected as a recipient of one of their philanthropic initiatives, receiving a monetary contribution that will directly support and advance our mission. This support arrives at a crucial time and will help us continue providing valuable programs, resources, and encouragement to the families and communities we serve.

We are profoundly grateful for INSPIRED WOMEN's belief in our work and for the investment they have made in our vision. Their generosity not only strengthens our efforts but also affirms the importance of the mission we carry. We look forward to nurturing this partnership, supporting their continued efforts, and working hand-in-hand to create meaningful opportunities and lasting change for women everywhere.



In the Community

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

Stronger 2Gether enjoys volunteering at the women's shelter because it provides the team with a meaningful opportunity to make a positive impact in the local community. By offering support and companionship to women in need, volunteers witness firsthand the difference that kindness and compassion can make. The experience fosters a sense of unity and purpose among the group, while also deepening their understanding of the challenges faced by residents at the shelter. Through regular engagement, Stronger 2Gether is able to build lasting relationships and contribute to an environment of hope and empowerment, aligning with their core values of empathy and service.

