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### **The Window Announces 30-Day Stabilization Period to Strengthen Long-Term Sustainability**

**GOSHEN, IN — June 24, 2026** After careful review of the financial, operational, and facility challenges facing the organization, The Window's Board of Directors and Executive Director Naomi Leary have announced a temporary 30-day stabilization period beginning immediately.

This pause in usual operations will allow The Window, a day center offering meals, resources, and support for neighbors experiencing hardship, to stabilize operations, address immediate needs, and establish a sustainable path forward, with the goal of returning to full operations on Monday, July 27, 2026. Beginning Monday, June 29, Goshen Meals on Wheels will continue, and other community partners will assist in offering services usually offered by The Window. The Window's goal is to return to full operations on Monday, July 27, 2026.

For nearly 60 years, The Window has served individuals and families in our community experiencing food insecurity and financial hardship. Demand for services has increased as rising costs and economic pressures continue to affect local households. At the same time, The Window has seen a significant decline in community financial support, as well as higher food costs, delayed government reimbursements, and rising facility expenses. Together, these factors have created a financial reality that requires immediate action.

During phase 1 of the stabilization period, beginning June 29, The Window will pause regular programming while continuing to provide emergency and essential services for urgent community needs. During phase 2, The Window will resume limited operations, offering programs two days per week with limited hours, allowing the organization to begin restoring services in a limited capacity while continuing stabilization work.

"The Board believes this stabilization period is a necessary step to protect the long-term future of The Window," said Board Chair Erica Bailey. "Our commitment to our neighbors has not changed. This time allows us to strengthen our foundation and continue providing services with dignity, compassion, and stability. The Window has always been sustained by neighbors helping neighbors, and we invite our community to stand with us during this moment."

Executive Director Naomi Leary added, "The Window has served this community through many seasons of need. This is a difficult moment, but we are approaching it

with transparency, responsibility, and hope. We are committed to using this time to strengthen our organization and return ready to continue serving our neighbors.”

This stabilization period is not only about The Window’s operations. It is about protecting the safety net for basic needs that our neighbors rely on for food, dignity, stability, and connection.

The Window began because community members saw neighbors in need and took action. That community-rooted care has shaped who we are throughout our history, and it is what will be needed again in this moment. “The Window has always been a community response to community need. In this moment, we are asking the community to help make that response possible again,” said Leary.

The Window remains committed to serving neighbors with dignity, hospitality, and hope. This stabilization period is a necessary step toward protecting that mission, and we are grateful for every person who will help carry this work forward.

### **How the Community Can Help**

This stabilization period is a turning point for The Window. Broad community support will be essential to ensure the organization can continue providing food, essential services, and hope to neighbors in need.

To make a financial contribution please contact The Window at 574-533-9680. Gifts may also be made at [www.goshenwindow.org](http://www.goshenwindow.org).