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Inclusive Communities announces the Jane H. & Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Conversations for Change series

OMAHA, Neb. (Dec. 15, 2022) – Inclusive Communities is hosting the first annual Jane H. & Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Conversations for Change speaker series in March 2023. Thanks to a gift from Miriam Brooks, the event will be free to the public and aims to continue her parents’ legacy of teaching through dialogue and building bridges between different cultures and identities.

“The Conversations for Change speaker series is a wonderful opportunity to bring thought leaders from around the world to Omaha to share their experiences and perspectives around confronting prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination,” said Cammy Watkins, Inclusive Communities’ Executive Director. “We are honored to be able to be the spark for these transformational cross-generational conversations in our community and can’t wait to see the ripple effects of this initiative,” echoed Maggie Wood, Inclusive Communities’ other Executive Director.

The inaugural fireside chat will feature actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, Kal Penn. Penn’s memoir, *You Can’t Be Serious*, highlights the challenges he faced growing up as a South Asian in New Jersey, and the obstacles to succeeding in Hollywood without being typecast.

Conversations for Change will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center in downtown Omaha. Tickets will open to the general public in February 2023. Sponsor and partnership opportunities are available by contacting Lachelle Rankins, Director of Strategic Partnerships at lachelle@inclusive-communities.org.

About Inclusive Communities

Since 1938, Inclusive Communities has served Nebraska, Iowa, and the region by directing our efforts in the areas of youth, community and workplace human relations, and leadership programming to achieve our mission of creating inclusive communities. For more information or to find out how you can help, visit our website at: www.inclusive-communities.org

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