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### **Central Ohio Diversity Consortium Transforms to Central Ohio Belonging Consortium**

Columbus, Ohio – March 17, 2025 – The Central Ohio Diversity Consortium, a vanguard in championing diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging DEIB in the Central Ohio region, is excited to unveil its new identity: the Central Ohio Belonging Consortium. This rebranding marks a significant evolution in our mission, placing an even greater emphasis on fostering a deep sense of belonging for every individual within our community.

#### **A Vision Reimagined**

"Our transition to the Central Ohio Belonging Consortium is a powerful declaration of our broadened vision," stated Margaret D. Finley, President of the Consortium. "While our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion remains steadfast, we recognize that the true essence of our work lies in cultivating an environment where every person feels seen, valued, and connected—a place where they truly belong."

#### **New Initiatives for a New Era**

With this rebranding, the Central Ohio Belonging Consortium is launching several forward-thinking initiatives designed to enhance the sense of belonging across all sectors of our community:

##### **1. Community Engagement Programs:**

We will deepen our outreach efforts, forging stronger connections with diverse communities through inclusive events and dialogues.

##### **2. Belonging Workshops:**

Our workshops will empower individuals and organizations with the tools and knowledge to create inclusive, welcoming environments.

### **3. Collaborative Partnerships:**

We will strengthen our alliances with local organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to promote a unified vision of belonging.

### **4. Advocacy and Policy Initiatives:**

Our advocacy efforts will focus on driving policies and practices that support and enhance belonging and equity at every level.

### **A Commitment to Belonging**

The essence of our new identity is belonging. The Central Ohio Belonging Consortium is committed to building bridges across differences and creating a tapestry of interconnectedness that enriches the lives of all. We believe that belonging is not just a concept but a lived experience that must be nurtured and celebrated.

### **Celebratory Events**

To mark this exciting transformation, we will host a series of celebratory events throughout the year, including community forums, workshops, and networking opportunities. These events are designed to bring together individuals and organizations dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging in Central Ohio.

### **About the Central Ohio Belonging Consortium**

The Central Ohio Belonging Consortium is dedicated to advancing diversity and belonging in the Central Ohio region. Through education, advocacy, and community engagement, the Consortium strives to create a society where everyone feels they belong. For more information, please visit [centralohiobelonging.org](http://centralohiobelonging.org) or contact [info@centralohiobelonging.org](mailto:info@centralohiobelonging.org).



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