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Dear Friends and Colleagues;

We here at STRiVE want to express our unending support for equality and humanity for all people. We are sickened and saddened by the senseless murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN and the many others who have died before him at the hands of systemic racism in our country. We support the Black Lives Matter movement because we know that all lives do not matter unless BLACK LIVES MATTER.

STRiVE is an agency and a community of people who are inclusive of everyone. In our storied past our organization has been known as an ardent supporter of the LGBTQ+ community in the Grand Valley. I am honored to work with a community organization that is dedicated to being purveyors and advocates of equality.

As such, we will not be passive in the face of racism in our valley. We will be agents of change by challenging all forms of prejudice and racism. We will uphold our value of inclusion and educate those who we work with to understand what a fair and equitable society is and to do our part to help build a community that is free of all forms of racism and bigotry.

We want to be part of the change that needs to happen in our community and country. We won't pretend to have all of the answers. However, we do know that it is time to listen, watch out for one another and speak up against injustices. We are fully committed to be part of the solution and to do the tough job of holding each other accountable.

We value Black lives just as we do the lives of the amazing people we support. Our agency has always fought for the rights of those who have been marginalized, and that commitment will continue for our fellow Black citizens. We must be part of the change we want to see in the world. The truth is all lives do not matter until Black Lives Matter.

Stay Healthy,



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