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YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee Response to the Death of George Floyd

We recognize that we are living in unprecedented times and we are experiencing various emotions due to the circumstances around us. We acknowledge that words can never eliminate the trauma, grief and fear that many are feeling regarding the death of George Floyd, but we hope that our words can provide comfort, support and opportunities to heal together. On behalf of the entire YMCA, our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with the Floyd family, friends, co-workers and community - including our YMCA Family in Minnesota. Our local Y team and community are disappointed and distressed by yet another tragedy that was avoidable. We stand with other community partners in continued efforts to ensure that **all** can thrive.

While tragedies such as the death of George Floyd may make some feel hopeless, we at the Y are now even more motivated to strive for equity, address disparities, and advance inclusion within our Y and in the broader Milwaukee community.

Here are just a few examples of the ways YOUR YMCA is increasing its efforts to serve our community:

1. Focusing on restorative health as a priority, which includes health and wellness, mental and community health checks and programming to address the key social determinants of health.
2. Providing opportunities for our youth to thrive this summer with safe protocols that include STEAM programming, physical activity, nutrition and family support.
3. Continuing to partner with other thought leaders locally through our Social Responsibility committee and beyond to combat inequities.

The Y's core values of caring, honesty, responsibility and respect will continue to guide us as we navigate challenges our community faces. We invite you to join us on this journey. The Y is here for you and we firmly believe that together we are stronger.

Sincerely,

Carrie Wall
President and CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

In partnership with
Bruce Miller, Chief Volunteer Officer
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