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PRISM stands in **solidarity** with the friends, family and community members who mourn the tragic death of George Floyd. The protests and subsequent riots are the result of disparities that we have long known exist for communities of color including income, wealth, education, home ownership, health, and the list goes on. People are **not being heard** and see themselves in the experience of George Floyd – they are being actively hurt and threatened and killed. The public murder of George Floyd forces each of us to **feel** the trauma that the black communities knows every day.

What has been dismissed for too long, is the **racism** that creates the need for social services to meet the most basic of human needs: food and shelter. PRISM serves as the **safety-net** to the already established public safety-nets. In the context of a **pandemic**, the stress to survive is heightened beyond existing low-wages and sub-standard housing.

You are invited to **take action and practice** your values through the mission of PRISM. We are the **Keepers of Hope** who provide a safe and dignified space for all to be heard and helped. We need you to take action with us today, tomorrow, the next day, and the next day, and on until the individually funded safety-net is no longer needed and our systems ensure that all people have their basic needs met.

We can do this. Let's make the **changes** we know are needed. Let's **rebuild** better and stronger. Together we are **powerful**, and PRISM will continue to ensure that the most vulnerable among us are helped with dignity and respect.

In Peace and Health,

Michelle Ness, MSW, LISW  
Executive Director

**BUILDING HEALTHY, STABLE LIVES**

**collaboration \* innovation \* dignity \* accountability**