



## **YWCA Hartford Region Statement on Jury Verdict for Derek Chauvin**

The guilty verdict on all three charges in the case against former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin speaks loudly and clearly. This is what justice looks like. Justice for George Floyd and far too many others killed at the hands of law enforcement; the very people who must protect the law, not break it.

The conviction for the murder of George Floyd, which occurred not even a year ago, sends the strongest message possible that police brutality will not stand. The violence at the hands of police has plagued our communities for far too long. The jury rendered a verdict that brings hope that the blatant disregard for Black lives and people of color will not be tolerated.

YWCA Hartford Region has been at the forefront of eliminating racism for more than 150 years and our resolve remains steadfast. Today's verdict offers a moment of hope; however, we know we must never let up, or stop the fight for racial and social justice.

While today's verdict offers a moment of respite that finally justice has been served, we also pause to mourn all the senseless deaths. Our hearts remain with the family of George Floyd as they continue to grieve the loss of their father, husband, brother, and friend. To all who have suffered a loss because of police violence, our prayers are also with you.

Tomorrow, we begin anew because we know more needs to be done. YWCA Hartford Region will continue to work with our community to ensure no more lives are lost so senselessly.