



Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations' Statement Against Racism and Violence

May 16th, 2022

To our neighbours,

We are saddened and angered to hear of the tragedy in Buffalo, New York that took place on Saturday, May 14th, 2022. This act of domestic terrorism took place less than a two hour drive from our homes in Cambridge.

The Cambridge Neighbourhoods continue to stand together against hate, racism and terror in all forms. As community leaders, we believe strongly that hate has no home in our neighbourhoods. Our organizations are committed to ensuring our programs, our centres and our neighbourhoods are places where everyone belongs through measures of inclusion, diversity, equity and access.

If you experience or witness acts of hate or bias please reach out for help, report and support. If you feel safe to do so, record and report incidences of hateful behaviour to authorities. Keep elected officials accountable and ensure that who is representing you municipally, provincially and federally is committed to preventing and ending hate.

We also take time to recognize and hold space for the deep trauma that these hateful events inflict on victims and racialized individuals in our neighbourhoods. We know that we are not perfect and continue our commitment to expanding our learning on equity issues and systemic racism that continue to affect our community.

We remember the victims Roberta A. Drury, Margus D. Morrison, Andre Mackneil, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearl Young, Ruth Whitfield, and the survivors Zaire Goodman, Jennifer Warrington and Christopher Braden.

