



Today at CAC we're celebrating Loving Day. It marks the day, 53 years ago, the Supreme Court struck down state bans against interracial marriage in *Loving v. Virginia*. On a day hearts should naturally be filled with love, we instead find ourselves with heavy hearts. Over 5 decades of loving and yet the only thing missing more than progress in today's world is equality.

So much of what we do on a daily basis at CAC is making sure children can reach their full potential. Where have we as a society gone so terribly wrong when so many generations of children can be born into the land of opportunity only to learn early on that what holds true for one does not hold true for all.

Our cities, our state, our country have stacked the deck when it comes to potential: unequal education outcomes, poverty, excessive police force, and the list goes on.

Ahmad Arbery. Breonna Taylor. George Floyd. David McActee. Tony Mcdade. The countless lives before them who suffered similar fates. When did feeling safe become a privilege?

We have been silent until now, but don't confuse our silence for complacency. These are experiences that are not our own. These are shoes we have not walked in. And so we have used this time to listen.

CAC stands with Blacks Lives Matter.

Racial injustices cannot continue. The inequitable opportunity for fulfillment of potential cannot continue. We encourage everyone to speak up and raise your voice with us. This is how change can become a reality.

Every one of you impacted by what has been going on has a right to his/her emotions and we understand that it can be difficult to process what has been happening. We want you to know that you are appreciated and we are so thankful to have you on our team and as part of our family.

Over the next weeks, months and the future ahead, we will work closely with you to ensure CAC is part of the trajectory change. We want to hear from you. How are you feeling? Share your experiences. Share your ideas. Let's come up with the plan together. Please do not hesitate to directly reach out to us or any of our team, at any time.

Sincerely,
Andrea Macken
Executive Director