

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

May 24, 2021

On May 25, 2021 we mark one year since the murder of George Floyd.

While the memory of this crime is seared in this nation's heart and psyche, indeed the world's, and while his death is a lifetime wound for his loved ones, **we are all called to assure that today and each day forward is more than a tragic anniversary.** We owe Mr. Floyd, his family and friends, and all those who have been subjected to racial violence and injustice nothing less. Human decency requires nothing less.

At YWCA Southeast Wisconsin, we join with 200+ YWCAs nationwide in our commitment to eliminate racism and empower women. **Please consider joining our sister YWCA in St. Paul in a morning of reflection at 9:00 am Central Time on August 25th.** <https://www.ywcastpaul.org/morning-of-reflection-floyd/>

On this anniversary we especially hold up Darnella Fraizer, a young Black woman who, at merely 17 years old, recorded the video that changed the summer of 2020 and so much more. She is a reminder that **although building a just world takes the work of many, we should never underestimate the impact each of us can have as individuals.**

Here in Southeast Wisconsin, we have a timely reminder of the impact one person can have.

Nelson Mandela: The Official Exhibition has begun its US tour and is premiering at the Milwaukee Public Museum in partnership with America's Black Holocaust Museum. YWCA Southeast Wisconsin is a member of the exhibition's Community Advisory Council and **we encourage you to see it in person or via online options. To get a taste of the exhibit's power and its lessons on healing and building a just world, we share this video:** <http://www.mpm.edu/mandela>

In the video, **women leaders** from our community share two **fundamental truths** that guide our work here at YWCA Southeast Wisconsin.

The work around social justice is life work. And we are all going to have to roll up our sleeves and work on this over a long period of time. We have to stay persistent.

- Cecelia Gore

When it was all said and done, it wasn't about revenge. It was about reconciliation. It was about love.

- Denisha Tate-McAlister

These quotes speak a pure truth. A truth that informs our internal work and shapes our community service. Please consider joining us. Sign up for our emails [here](#).

Onward,



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