Raise Your Voice.

We at Lifeline stand in solidarity with our black and brown staff, artists, and communities. We are dismayed and revolted by the hatred and violence and are committed to ending systemic racism.

We stand with oppressed communities at home in Chicago and across the country. We support the families and friends of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery.

We recognize America has been slow to end its systematically sanctioned oppression against black and brown people. We raise our voices and ask that you raise yours.

“When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak.” -- Audre Lorde

We support those speaking out. We support those taking action. We stand with all who are fighting for justice and an end to racism.

In this unbearable time, we urge you to join Lifeline in taking action. Here is a list of suggested resources (compiled by friends and colleagues, updated on 6/9) to educate yourselves and combat systemic racism and white supremacy:

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Chicago Area:
Assata's Daughters (www.assatasdaughters.org)
Black Lives Matter Chicago (www.blacklivesmatterchicago.com)
The Black Star Project (www.blackstarproject.org/)
Brave Space Alliance (www.bravespacealliance.org)
BYP100 (www.byp100.org)
Chicago Community Bond Fund (www.chicagobond.org)
Chicago Freedom School (www.chicagofreedschool.org)
Circles and Cyphers (www.circlesandciphers.org)
Enrich Chicago (www.enrichchi.org)
My Block My Hood My City (www.formyblock.org)
Social Works (www.socialworkschi.org)

National:
Antiracism Center (www.antiracismcenter.com)
Art Equity (www.artequity.org)
Audre Lorde Project (www.alp.org)
Black Lives Matter (www.blacklivesmatter.com)
Black Women’s Blueprint (www.blackwomensblueprint.org)
Color Of Change (www.colorofchange.org)
Colorlines (www.colorlines.com)
The Conscious Kid (www.theconsciouskid.org)
Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) (www.eji.org)
The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights (www.civilrights.org)
MPowerChange (www.actionnetwork.org)
NAACP Legal Defense Fund (www.naacpldf.org)
RAICES (www.raicestexas.org)
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) (www.showingupforracialjustice.org)