



A Statement from the Community Action Partnership Opposing the Violence in Charlottesville, Virginia

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Amid the turmoil that occurred in Charlottesville, VA, over the weekend, the Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C., would like to express its sympathy and concern for the victims, their families, and those impacted by the violence that erupted.

Chief Executive Officer Denise Harlow said, "We are deeply troubled by what has happened in Charlottesville. We denounce the racism and anti-Semitism that was on display and do not tolerate or accept violence and hatred. The Partnership stands with all persons regardless of their socioeconomic background, race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, or location."

As America's poverty fighting network, Community Action Agencies labor daily to dismantle barriers that stand in the way of economic security for America's families and communities. We believe racial bias and institutional racism are among those barriers to success. The Partnership admires America's cultural diversity and affirms that **everyone** has the right to human dignity and respect. We are guided by the "Community Action Promise":



*Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. **We care about the entire community**, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

The Partnership has several resources that organizations, individuals, and communities can utilize to support ongoing education and community-level conversations. [Click here](#) to access the Partnership's Racial Equity Resources.

The Community Action Partnership is the national membership association representing the nation's 1,000 local Community Action Agencies and State Associations. Located in Washington, D.C., the Partnership's mission is to strengthen, promote, represent and serve the network of member agencies to assure that the issues of poverty are effectively presented and addressed. More information can be found at www.communityactionpartnership.com.

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