



In Response to Current Events

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

June 11, 2020

Dear NEV Colleagues and Supporters,

New England Village is committed to equality and fairness. We stand in unity with our Black employees, their families, and Black communities in the fight against racism, which has resulted in the murder of George Floyd and countless other innocent Black victims of racial violence.

New England Village is proud to stand in solidarity with all who are peacefully marching and protesting for change. The only way we can eradicate racism is with education, understanding, and mobilization. It is past time that we as a nation transform ourselves, and ensure the senseless violence that claimed the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and so many others, ends once and for all.

As an organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we place the highest emphasis on treating every individual with dignity and respect. We are blessed to have a diverse and inclusive culture that extends to the staff we employ. To tolerate the injustices that have been placed on Black lives and to fail to advocate for change does not reflect our values. This is not a political stance—it is a humanitarian one.

In unity,

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Michael A. Rodrigues
President and CEO