

June 3, 2020

Dear Charles River Community,

I have been shocked and saddened by the recent tragedies involving the use of deadly force by police and the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. I think all of us at Charles River Center understand and support the nationwide peaceful protests calling for social justice.

Charles River Center is sensitive to existing inequities in marginalized communities, dedicated as we are to our mission of empowering and supporting people with developmental disabilities. As stated in one of our Guiding Principles, “We advocate to promote the full participation of those we support in their communities and uphold their civil rights and dignity.”

As an affiliate of The Arc of Massachusetts and The Arc* of the United States, we stand in solidarity with them against discrimination, and we unite with all citizens who demand social justice for all members of our society.

Be well and stay safe,

Anne-Marie Bajwa
President and CEO

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