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More Than 30 Evanston Organizations Join In Equity Statement

On April 27, more 30 social service providers and civic, education, and faith-based organizations from across Evanston released a joint statement affirming a shared commitment to equity and the work being undertaken by people of multiple social identities to address issues of race, racism, and bias. These organizations across Evanston share in a belief that the community must engage in open and honest dialogue in order to create a socially just and welcoming Evanston - a city where all people regardless of race, ethnicity, mental and physical ability status, gender identity, sexual identity, citizenship status, and religion feel a sense of belonging.

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A Statement from the Evanston Community

Over the past several years leading institutions across Evanston have embraced an equity agenda focusing on addressing issues of race, racism and bias. We have stepped

forward to have honest and open dialogue and discussions about racial equity. We have also stepped forward to offer racial equity training opportunities that include, among others, Beyond Diversity and SEED training. We realize that these trainings and discussions are not easy and are uncomfortable for some, yet we recognize that the potential to change our institutions so that they truly belong to people from all races and walks of life requires focused and sustained commitment to addressing race and equity head-on. In recent weeks several individuals have publicly criticized our efforts. As leaders in Evanston, we stand in strong support of our equity work and will continue to engage citizens in honest and open dialogue about race. And by doing so we will create a socially just and welcoming Evanston where all people of all backgrounds have opportunities to fulfill their true potential.

(Supporters in alphabetical order)

Beth Emet The Free Synagogue - Evanston
Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry
Caring Outreach by Parents in Evanston (COPE)
Childcare Network of Evanston
City of Evanston
Connections for the Homeless
Covenant Nursery School
Erie Health Centers
Evanston Branch NAACP
Evanston Community Foundation
Evanston Cradle to Career
Evanston Police Department

Evanston Public Library
Evanston/Skokie School District 65
Evanston Township High School District 202
Family Focus Our Place

Foundation 65
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation
Learning Bridge Early Education Center
McGaw YMCA
Northwestern University
Oakton Community College
Piven Theatre Workshop
Reba Early Learning Center
Second Baptist Church Evanston
St. Nicholas Church
School for Little Children
Warren W Cherry Preschool
Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U)
Youth Job Center
YWCA Evanston/North Shore