

# Safety Net Arlington

## Statement of Solidarity from Arlington's Safety Net Nonprofits

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As Arlington safety net nonprofits working with marginalized people in our community, we feel and recognize the pain and suffering of so many over the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more not caught on camera. These deaths are reminders of just how far we still must go in the name of racial justice, while the protests are a sign that many Americans are sick and tired. Within our network are leaders and staff who, as people of color, also regularly face biases from the police, general public, and colleagues.

Safety Net Arlington stands by protestors who step up in the name of eradicating racism and advancing racial equity. The very fact that the majority of the families we serve are people of color is a result of systemic oppression and racism, which lies deeply rooted in the foundation of our nation and our own history here in Arlington.

As safety net providers, we pledge to redouble our efforts to serve and connect in solidarity with our community members who are people of color and to influence change to elevate their dignity and humanity.

AHC, Inc.	Aspire!	Offender Aid and Restoration
Arlington Community Foundation	Bonder & Amanda Johnson CDC	Phoenix House Mid-Atlantic
Arlington Food Assistance Center	Bridges to Independence	Shirlington Employment and Education Center
Arlington Free Clinic	BU-GATA	Virginia Cooperative Extension, Arlington
Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing	Doorways for Women and Families	Wesley Housing
Arlington Thrive	Edu-Futuro	
A-SPAN	Northern VA Family Service	

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*Safety Net Arlington is a group of Arlington nonprofits who provide direct safety net services to Arlington's most vulnerable residents in partnership with Arlington County. Arlington Community Foundation serves as its convener.*