



Dear Create Now Supporters:

Create Now is firmly against racism, oppression and inequality in all its forms, and we stand in solidarity with those who work to end racism, oppression and pursue equity. The deaths of unarmed George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery (among many, many others) are not new incidents, but rather showcase the persistent, systemic inequities that persist in our culture.

Create Now first unfolded as a not-for-profit organization over 20 years ago in response to the inequities faced by African American children and other children of color. No parent should have to worry for their child's safety because of the color of their skin when they venture outside of their home. These recent acts remind us that our offering of arts programs to children in the LA community is as important as ever. Not only does art instruction help children in the development of motor skills, risk-taking, and inventiveness, art education also connects students with their own culture as well as those of their peers, helping to foster cultural identity, pride, as well as cross-cultural connections and perspectives.

This is a moment for empathy, listening, and deep reflection for our Board and Create Now leadership, both personally and organizationally. We are also committed to listening to our staff, partners, and those that use our services – about opportunities for Create Now to strengthen its commitment to racial equity through its work. We stand with those who share our commitment to a just, equitable and safe environment for all children.

In solidarity,
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