

cw: racial violence, anti-blackness

Hi all,

The Sexual Health Peer Resource Center (SHPRC) stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the black community, and we condemn the racial violence and police brutality enacted on black folks everyday. Although the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery have spurred many of the recent events, we understand that these injustices are not new. Today's police system is just a reconstructed version of the same system that aimed to capture and patrol slaves. This country was built on a foundation of racism and injustice, and we must do everything we can to push for systemic change. We must not sit in silence.

Furthermore, as we enter Pride Month, we would like to take the time to acknowledge and celebrate the intellectual, emotional, and physical work of black and brown transgender womxn, like Marsha P. Johnson, who were and continue to be foundational voices in the queer rights movement. We owe everything to those at the Stonewall Riots, who fought for the liberation of LGBTQ+ people. It is because of them that many in the queer community may express their identities more openly and freely. Of course, we know that the violence against queer folks has not ceased and that black transgender people are murdered at alarming rates. Just last week, Tony McDade, a black transgender man, was murdered by the police in Florida. We must remember, recognize, and say his name. We owe so much of our freedom, to express our identities openly and speak openly about sexual health, to black people.

Lastly, we understand that our words will do little to comfort you all during this time; we need action. SHPRC will be using its resources to purchase over \$5,000 in sexual health products and books from black-owned business. We are also figuring out ways that SHPRC can function as an online resource as we go into a potentially online school year. We hope that we can be a resource to this campus even if we cannot function in our normal capacity, and we hope to continue educating ourselves about anti-racism now and going forward. In addition, we've included a list below of ways to support the black community whether through signing petitions, donating, or educating yourself.

In solidarity,

SHPRC Core 2019-2020

Petitions:

- [Justice for George Floyd](#)
- [Charge the Minneapolis Police Officers](#)
- [Justice for Breonna Taylor](#)
- [#RunWithMaud](#)
- [Justice for Ahmaud Arbery](#)
- [Justice for Tony McDade](#)
- [Hands Up Act](#)
- [#DefundThePolice](#)

Donate:

[*GET YOUR DONATIONS MATCHED BY CORPORATIONS HERE*](#)

- [Split Donation among Bail Funds](#)
- [The Bail Project](#)
- [SisterSong](#)
- [Black Visions Collective](#)
- [Reclaim the Block](#)
- [Anti Police Terror Project](#)
- [LGBTQ Freedom Fund](#)
- [Black Lives Matter](#)
- [NAACP Empowerment Programs](#)

Educate:

- Martin and Malcolm by James Baldwin
- Are Prisons Obsolete? by Angela Davis
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Political Prisoners, Prisons, and Black Liberation by Angela Davis
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X Kendi
- White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
- The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
- Hood Feminism by Miiki Kendall

More Comprehensive Resources:

- [Black History Library](#) created by Charles Preston
- [National Resource List](#)
- [#blacklivesmatter](#)