



Island Harvest Food Bank Statement

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Island Harvest Food Bank acknowledges the perilous times in which we live. The recent acts of unrest following the death of George Floyd and the issue of racism and injustice against people of color are again at the forefront of our daily lives and the focus of national discussion. Coupled with the struggles created by the ongoing pandemic, these events bring frustration, great sadness and are of grave concern to us all.

Many of us do not see the brutal and disproportionate impact that poverty and food insecurity have on minority communities and people of color. Indeed, food insecurity and poverty only feed racial and ethnic inequity. Throughout our almost thirty-year history, Island Harvest Food Bank, without regard to color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or differing abilities, has responded to the needs of the most vulnerable people on Long Island. Island Harvest has worked to raise awareness, provide food to those in need and, in so doing, we address these inequities that are so intertwined with food insecurity in all the communities we serve.

We salute those who peacefully protect us and continue to stand with those we serve. Food security nourishes equality, and we strengthen our resolve to do our part to promote the American values of freedom and equality that is so implicit to our mission.

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