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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to send you the enclosed 2019 Community Report detailing Solid Ground’s Recipe for Change to Solve Poverty in Seattle, King County, and Washington State.

For most of us, it is hard to focus on the time before George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer, or to think back before the coronavirus pandemic came to dominate our lives. These two realities are important not only for the way they have each profoundly altered everyone’s lives, but because both police violence and coronavirus are far more likely to harm black, indigenous, and other non-white communities.

These patterns have deep roots in systemic racism and are examples of the importance of Solid Ground’s mission to eliminate racism – in our agency and in our community – if we are to truly end poverty.

During the last few months, many of our services have adapted to new ways of working, and others have greatly expanded. So tucked into this report that shares last year’s accomplishments, we are providing a brief overview of Solid Ground’s current pandemic response.

For more than 45 years, Solid Ground has helped our community through crises by meeting basic needs, nurturing support, and spreading change to improve the lives of our community’s most vulnerable members. We can’t do this work without you. Now more than ever, thank you for your compassion and support.

Sincerely,

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