

The Right to Breathe

Standing in Solidarity against Racial Injustice

The deaths of George Floyd and so many others are a heart-wrenching testament to the racial inequalities that remain in our country.

We, as leaders of Chattanooga-area companies, understand silence is not an option, but words are not enough.

We condemn racism in any form, and we're committed to taking action for real change.

For us, that starts from within. We're challenging ourselves to encourage authentic dialogue about race, diversity and inclusion among our leaders and employees.

Our goal is to ensure that every employee has the opportunity and tools to realize their full potential, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

Today as we commemorate Juneteenth, our oldest national celebration of the end of slavery, we encourage our colleagues, our community partners, and all of our neighbors to join us as we promote racial justice and equality in our beloved Chattanooga and throughout our great nation.

Our employees, customers and communities deserve nothing less.

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