FIGHTING RACIAL INJUSTICE
As an agency dedicated to promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity, we stand committed to dismantling systemic racism in our city, state, and nation.

- We continue to fulfill the advocacy and engagement agenda we established in 2019, which includes fighting for policies and practices that remove barriers created by racism and inequity. We promote long-term housing stability and security, economic mobility for women and people of color, and investments in young women and children.

- In June 2020, President and CEO Christie Angel helped form a Coalition of African American leaders in Columbus, Ohio. The group developed an initial agenda to reform practices that reinforce systemic racism in Central Ohio.

- Partnered with the City of Columbus’s Health Commissioner and Equity Team to declare racism a public health crisis. Through opeds and testimony, our work led to both the City of Columbus and Franklin County adopting the declaration.

- Shared information and resources with Ohio Council of YWCAs and other counties in neighboring states to support passing their own resolutions to address racism as a public health issue, which has now occurred in at least nine other counties in Ohio, all of which have YWCA affiliations.

- Advocating for the State of Ohio to declare racism a public health crisis.

- Members of our Leadership and Social Justice team serve on the City’s Commission on Black Girls and provided revisions to the upcoming report on the quality of life of Black girls in Central Ohio.