

The Children's Home has cared for the most vulnerable populations in Greater Cincinnati since 1864. Our near 160-year history of service has allowed our organization to witness times of great social upheaval and change.

In 1864, slavery was still legal in this nation. Women couldn't vote until 1920. The armed forces were legally segregated until 1948 and segregation throughout the nation was not illegal until 1964. The common denominator taught by history's lessons is that most of these societal changes were initiated by idealistic people. Today is no different.

The Children's Home cares for the most underserved, most marginalized and most at-risk children and families. In the eyes of the young people we serve, we see a glimmer of hope coupled with a powerful, positive mindset that manifests when we begin to help them. They carry that contagious optimism unique to the mind of a child throughout their journey with us.

This positive outlook is understandably altered when, once again, we learn that a person of color has been killed by law enforcement for unjustified reasons.

This miscarriage of justice simply must stop.

It would be foolish to say our country is not facing challenging times. It would be just as foolish to deny the tremendous opportunity that we have, as a community, to stop injustice.

Now.

Today.

We have been presented with a real chance to enact positive change, only limited by our resourcefulness and our will. While injustice among marginalized populations is now at the forefront of the national conversation, The Children's Home encourages our neighbors and friends to join the conversation of justice in productive, thoughtful and meaningful ways.

The time is now for our community to stand together and continue to advocate for the most at-risk and vulnerable populations – our brothers and sisters.

As a community, we must do better to ensure we secure our children's future, blessed by our American ideals of freedom and justice for all. The Children's Home will continue to light the way forward, raise up the underserved, and speak for those with no voice. To secure their future, we must live in a community of laws that serve and protect all citizens who call Cincinnati home.

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