



June 4, 2020

Dear Girl Scout Families,

*"To put yourself in another's place requires real imagination, but by doing so, each Girl Scout will be able to love among others happily."*

**- Juliette Gordon Low**

We cannot begin to form the words to talk to you about how this week has impacted us personally. Just like the quote above says, we need to put ourselves in the place of others to begin to understand injustice. What we have witnessed through the media does not hold a candle to the pain that is being experienced by the African American community at this time.

The Girl Scout movement has always been one that stood for inclusivity; however, it is not lost on us that this is not the experience of every Girl Scout. Girl Scouts Nation's Capital continues to strive to be a pillar for all girls, including African American girls and families in the Greater Washington Area.

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital realizes the strong legacy of inclusion that we have built through action and leadership is threatened. We know that we must continue to play our part to dismantle racism. The recent events surrounding the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery are not only deplorable, but they are also reminders of past injustices that have gone unheard and unaddressed in our country.

Racism and prejudice have no place in our organization, our communities, and our world, and we stand in solidarity with the African American community and communities of color throughout the world, the nation, and within our Council.

Making the world a better place is the highest principle of Girl Scouts, and as the premier organization dedicated to developing and modeling true leadership, now is the time for us to measure up to that principle for all the communities we serve.

This means we all have to make an effort to learn the relevant history and current issues, as well as how privilege, bias, and oppression impacts our lives. Now is the time to listen to those who experience racism and identify racism whenever it is encountered.

We know that this is the task before us, and we are ready to step up. For more information, please click [here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faye Fields".

Faye Fields  
President of the Board

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Lidia Soto-Harmon  
Chief Executive Officer