



THE HAVEN

*Where recovery from
substance dependence
becomes a reality.*

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Dear Employees and Colleagues,

I have been waiting until the best words, the most appropriate words, come to my mind, to allow me to express The Haven's support for the elimination of racism from our nation, from our lives. I am seeking words that are respectful, and that do not in and of themselves cause offense. Then it occurred to me that those who have been affected by racism have been waiting all their lives. I have seen the effects of racism: the impact on Aborigines in Australia, on Maoris in New Zealand, on Jamaicans and West Indians, in the UK, and here, too, on black individuals as well as other persons of color in the U.S.

I cannot wait for the right words. We cannot wait for the right words. We must express our views, our beliefs, our feelings, and we must stop waiting.

But I am honestly scared of saying the wrong thing. For any wrong words I may use here, please forgive me. My intent is support.

Please know this, and, please pass the message to all, about The Haven. We stand in solidarity with all who are against racism, whether it's systemic, overt - directly against individuals - or covert, not openly acknowledged but still present.

To support this message, I am including the below link, which gives all of us paths we can choose to follow, to demonstrate our stance.

<https://www.itsnicethat.com/news/resources-supporting-black-lives-matter-movement-creative-industry-010620>

I also support others in our Haven community sharing resources that can help us better educate ourselves about racism and how to fight it. We must act, as well as share. As individuals, let's serve as allies for one another and act with compassion and support.

Together, we can create a better future.

Sincerely,

Margaret
Executive Director
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