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**YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Advocacy Alert
*Taking a Stand Against Racism and Hate***

Pittsburgh, PA – August 23, 2017 -- In response to events in recent weeks in Charlottesville and across the US, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh will Stand Against Racism this Friday, August 25, 2017 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the YW's downtown headquarters at 305 Wood Street. Posters and signs will be provided by the YW for our silent Stand Against Racism vigil in the lobby on the day of the event.

"Each of us must take direct action and responsibility for speaking out against the rising tide of hatred and intolerance in the United States," says Magdeline Jensen, Chief Executive Officer of YW Greater Pittsburgh. Chaz Kellem, Senior Director, Advocacy for Race and Gender Equity, is coordinating the event and advises "We will stand together in front of YWCA Greater Pittsburgh as a visible sign of our mutual commitment to promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people."

"Now is the time to join us in the Stand against Racism," Kellem urges.

Confirmed community leaders attending include Kevin Bolding, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh. Those interested in participating in the August 25 public event should contact the YW for more information.

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About YWCA Greater Pittsburgh

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We envision a community that advances education, opportunity, and equity regardless of gender, race, or background. For more information about YW programs and services, visit ywcapgh.org or call 412-391-5100.