

# WORKING TO END RACISM, TOGETHER



For the past 80 years, the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has been on a journey to make sure no one is harmed because of their race, religion or other identity. I wanted to reach out to highlight the work we are doing to meet the increased demand during the current COVID-19 pandemic and the long-standing pandemic of racism, which we were painfully reminded of with the murder of George Floyd.

## COVID-19 Relief

Our team has been distributing 10,000 face masks, basic school supplies and other essentials from the Mama Akua Community House in Detroit's Zone 8 neighborhood and at coordinated sites throughout the region in partnership with Community Movement Builders Detroit. As face masks are mandatory to enter stores to ensure the safety of all people, we've wanted to support those who are the most marginalized and vulnerable to not only ensure their safety but also assure they are not excluded or discriminated against. This effort was recognized by [CBS Detroit](#), [Detroit News](#) and [Daily Detroit](#), among other media outlets.

## OUR MISSION

We empower individuals to transform communities and the workplace to overcome racism, discrimination, systemic inequities, and institutional and inherent bias.

## Police Community Relations (ALPACT)

We have been holding monthly meetings with law enforcement professionals and community members to build trust while examining racism. Our June meeting was attended by some 75 members recommitting to do the hard, but necessary work in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder. Please note a statement issued by our co-chairs can be found on our website at [www.miroundtable.org](http://www.miroundtable.org). You are encouraged to refer your local police chief to join these meetings on the second Friday of every month. For more information, contact Dez Squire at (586) 744-3889 or [dsquire@miroundtable.org](mailto:dsquire@miroundtable.org).

With your support, we will continue our journey to identify, confront and bring an end to the pandemic of systemic racism that continues to ravage our black community. We couldn't do what we do without you, and for that, we are grateful.

We hope to see you on September 21st at our 30th Annual Golf Classic. Our golf committee, led by Michael Kalil of Farbman and John Bourbeau of Right Management, are working with our lead sponsors DTE and Quicken Loans to revise the outing due these pandemics as we work Together To End Racism, one stroke at a time.

Sincerely,  
Steve Spreitzer, President & CEO  
Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion