Y2Y STANDS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Our community is mourning the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, and countless other Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in the United States who have been violated, traumatized, and murdered by law enforcement agents and through racist violence. These are not isolated incidents – these acts of brutal violence are part of a broader system of institutionalized racism and discrimination.

Members of the Y2Y community have been subject to the very same systemic racism and discrimination that led to George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis last week - these are the same forces that lead to the housing instability and discriminatory policing that our young people, especially those living at the intersection of multiple oppressed identities, experience on a daily basis.

Y2Y was built to create a safe haven for young people who have been failed by our society’s institutions. This week’s events have continued to lay those failures bare. Y2Y is committed to fostering safe environments for our community members, both within the walls of our space, and within society at large.

Y2Y is committed to listening, learning, adapting, and taking action through our work- against injustice, and for the equitable treatment of all who are oppressed and disenfranchised within our society.

Y2Y stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and protesters seeking justice for those who have been killed. We unequivocally condemn police brutality, racial profiling, excessive use of force, and racist police murder. We join the national call for an end to systemic racism, to ensure that all Americans are treated in a manner that recognizes their dignity and humanity.

We thank you for your support of our community over the years. The following are organizations doing critical work to interrupt the cycle of structural racism, and to fight for racial justice:

- The Massachusetts Bail Fund
- Black Lives Matter Boston
- Black Lives Matter New Haven
- Connecticut Bail Fund
- CTCORE-Organize Now!

Black Lives Matter,
Y2Y Network