

Project Boon Friends and Family,

Like many of you, I was saddened to read about the murder of George Floyd last week. This latest injustice, coming on the heels of the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many others over the years, has stirred emotions ranging from anger to sadness, and many in between. This is not our usual email, and I still don't think I've found quite the right words to express my thoughts. But I must try, as we all must try, to speak out.

To all of those hurting, know that we at Project Boon stand with you and support your right to be seen and heard.

But what's next? What do we do to break the cycle? For me, it starts with seeing the situation for what it is, acknowledging these experiences for what they are, and, quite simply, apologizing for not doing enough. I don't have the answers, but I am no longer okay with not asking the question: If everything were on the table, what could Project Boon do to support People of Color? With that in mind, I am committed to making sure that Project Boon continues to provide our services to underserved communities that are most affected by systemic racism. I am not just committed to our existing mission, but I am also committed to doubling down on our efforts to collect census data to make sure we are meeting the needs in our community that require immediate attention.

Project Boon embraces the fight for equality and justice. We promise to continue to listen to the Black community, learn from the Black community, and work in our community daily.

In solidarity,

Christopher Suchánek
Project Boon Executive Director

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