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IN HONOR OF
OUR CHILDREN

Protest Action Guide

KIDS' NONVIOLENT PROTEST AGAINST RACISM

Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m.

Please note this is not a festival, carnival or other entertainment activity. There will not be fun activities for kids. It is a protest. Additionally, this is NOT a protest that is meant to bash or attack police.



Purpose

This protest was not formed out of a desire to give our kids a civics lesson. It was formed out of the loss of our Black children's innocence. They brought the harsh reality of racism to us and they wanted answers. The question, "Why, mommy...?" rung all too loudly in our ears. Our children are hurt, angry, suffering and wounded, but most of all our children have had enough. Our children deserve and are demanding better. So, our children are making their Stand for Justice. We have dealt with racism, now our children are going to put an end to racism.

Racism in America is systemic and can only be dismantled by active engagement and rejection of it by all generations. As parents, we must show our children that their right to peacefully protest is just one of the many ways required to bring about sustainable change.

We find tremendous hope in the overwhelming response from families of every walk of life joining in with us and taking a stand for justice. It is our turn as parents to listen as our children lead us in a new direction.

Alexis Hart McDowell, Lead Program Mother

Tonya Primus, Lead Program Mother



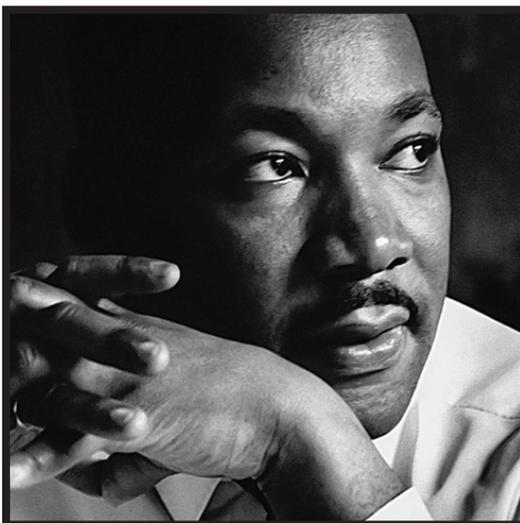


Yvonne Blake, PRESIDENT
The Chicago Chapter
Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Thank you for supporting the kids' protest movement. This protest is different from so many of the others sweeping our nation in that it features the voices of our children. In addition, it offers an opportunity to teach our young people what racism looks like and how they can fight against it. It empowers them and teaches them the power of action.

The Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill stands for justice and equality. We are proud to sponsor this children's protest for the next generation of leaders. As the mom of two black sons I know the overwhelming desire to keep them safe, which causes me to try and control their every move. I also know the futility of my desire to keep them safe from racism. I can't, but WE CAN. Together we can change this world, so at least I only have to worry about regular teenage stuff. :)

To the young people of all ages assembled here, YOU are the heroes for this generation. The ones we've been waiting for, and history will remember that you were not silent. The next generation will remember you, as the ones who changed the world. I'm counting on it!



**EVERY MAN OF HUMANE
CONVICTIONS MUST DECIDE
ON THE PROTEST THAT BEST
SUITS HIS CONVICTIONS,
BUT WE MUST ALL PROTEST.**

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Jackson Glanton, TEEN PRESIDENT
The Chicago Chapter
Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Hi. My name is Jackson Glanton, and I am the current Teen Group President of the Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc. Even though I am hurt and saddened by WHY we must come together, I am so inspired by how many of us WANT to come together. We are the future, and we cannot let anyone deny us the ability to fully live it. It's time.

It's time for us to pick up the baton that generations before us have been running with for hundreds of years. It's time to show the world that we may be young, but we are prepared to fight for our rights as human beings. We don't say Black Lives Matter because others don't, we say it because there are people in this country who think OUR lives are worthless.

I just turned 16. I can get my driver's license now and have more freedom socially. Unfortunately, I will also have to watch my back every single time I leave my house. I will have to always be prepared for interactions with the police, even if I haven't done anything wrong. I will have to remember that the rules for every other ethnicity do not apply to me. Just like they didn't apply to my father when he turned 16 or my grandfather. It's time.

In 1963, Martin Luther King told the world that he dreamed that his children would be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. In 2020, we are STILL fighting for that dream. Thank you for picking up the baton. There are so many ways we can make a difference. We are young, which means we are strong and our perspective is fresh. Let's take steps toward changing this world together because... it's time.

Be Safe,
Jackson Glanton

Keynote Speakers

Jarrett "JB" and Jaden "Jay" are dynamic, thought provoking, scholar-athletes & activists who challenge current thinking around Black youth & empowerment.

They took their stand for justice when they attended the Minneapolis protests to speak out against the murder of George Floyd and the normalization of systemic racism. They will share their transformative experience with us.



Jarrett Blake



Jaden Blake

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Saturday, June 13, 2020 (Rain or Shine except in extreme weather conditions)

9:00 a.m. Gather at Mandrake Park
(39th & Cottage Grove)

10:00 am Protest march will start

PROTEST RALLY ROUTE

Begin at Mandrake Park located at 39th and Drexel Blvd and End at 50th and Drexel Blvd. (10 blocks). Strollers/wagons are welcome.

We will walk down the median and the west side of Drexel.

PARKING

PARKING IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CONSIDER DROP OFFS OR OTHER OPTIONS. Consider parking at the end of the route or the middle of the route and walking down to the beginning of the route. DREXEL BLVD WILL BE CLOSED.

SAFETY

You MUST Wear Your Mask. Bring Hand Sanitizer

SOCIAL DISTANCING

There will be as much social distancing as YOU can provide at a public protest.

SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAGS

#jjchicago #kidsprotest #nojusticenopeace
#endracism #forourchildren

LOGISTICS

Bathrooms - THERE ARE NONE - please plan accordingly for yourself and your children.

GARBAGE

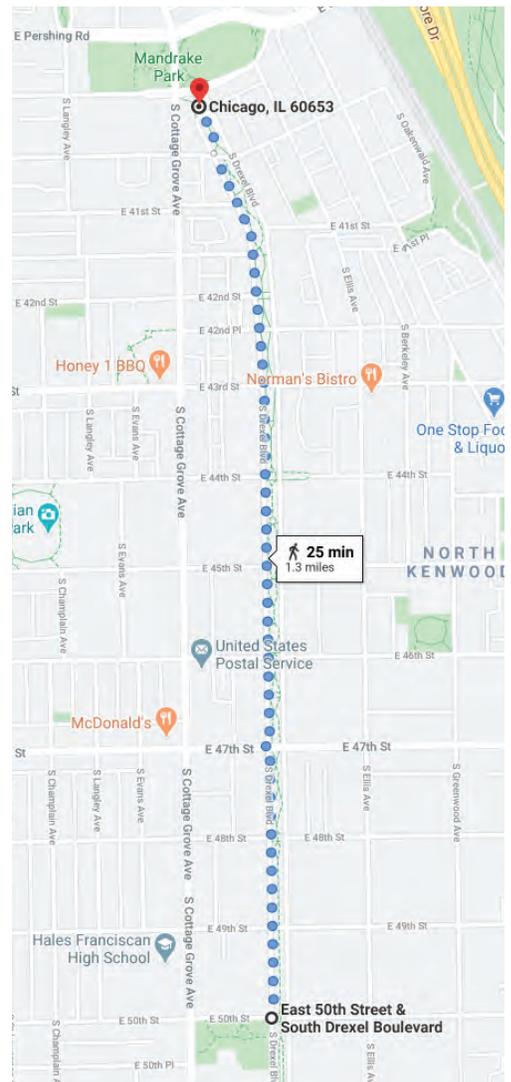
We all live here, so please don't litter. There are Garbage bags at the end of each block on the west side of Drexel.

WATER/SNACK STATIONS

43rd: Open field on East & West side of Drexel
46th: Open field on West Side of Drexel
50th: West side of street

We will NOT be accepting water donations the day of the event. Water will be limited at these sites. Please plan accordingly. Please consider a monetary donation to help defray costs.

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REMEMBER THERE ARE
NO BATHROOMS!

Racism is Wrong.

Racism is prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior.

An Activist is a person who works to bring about political or social change.

A Protest is a statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something.

There have been violent and non-violent protests throughout American history. Change can happen when people protest and their voices are heard.

Standing up for what is right is to defend or support a particular idea or a person who is being criticized or attacked:
We should all stand up for our rights.

I can help by standing up and not being a bystander.



NO-ONE IS BORN HATING ANOTHER PERSON BECAUSE OF THE COLOUR OF HIS SKIN, OR HIS BACKGROUND, OR HIS RELIGION. PEOPLE MUST LEARN TO HATE, AND IF THEY CAN LEARN HATE, THEY CAN BE TAUGHT LOVE, FOR LOVE COMES MORE NATURALLY TO THE HUMAN HEART THAN ITS OPPOSITE.

~ Nelson Mandela

Kids Stand Against Racism Pledge

- 1** I believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race or color.
- 2** I believe that every thought and every act of racism is harmful; if it is my thought or act, or another person's words about someone else, then it is harmful to all of us.
- 3** I will discourage racism by others at every opportunity.
- 4** I will stand up and speak up against racism in my class, my school, my home and in my community. I will be an activist.
- 5** I will treat all people with dignity and respect; and I will strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that the world will be a better place because of my effort.
- 6** Therefore, from this day forward, I pledge to Donate, March, Speak, Write, Read, Change, and Act against racism.

Award Certificate

Presented to

for doing their part to STOP RACISM



Date

Signature

Your Next Steps

DONATE.
MARCH.
SPEAK.
WRITE.
READ.
CHANGE.

ACTION. NOT SILENCE.

VOTE: Vote.org OR whenweallvote.org

DONATE: [Black Lives Matter](#)
[Chicago Urban League](#)
[My Block, My Hood, My City](#)
[Operation Push](#)
[Social Change](#)
[Westside Health Authority](#)

MARCH: protestchicago.com or march around your block

SPEAK: Speak up against racism

WRITE: [Write letters to your local and national officials](#)

READ: [Social Justice Booklist](#)

CHANGE - IT'S UP TO YOU!
Action. Not Silence.

Resources for Families

[Supporting Kids Of Color in The Wake of Racialized Violence: Part One](#)
[Talking About Race with White Kids](#)
[Embrace Race](#)
[Know Your Rights](#)
[Social Justice Books for All Ages](#)
[CNN Sesame Street Town Hall on Racism](#)
[13 Children's Books About Race and Diversity](#)

Suggested Videos

[BLM Story](#)
[Lunch Counter Sit In](#)
[Greensboro NC Sit In](#)
[Racism Explained](#)
[Microaggressions Explained](#)
[What kinda asian are you?](#)
[5 Tips for Allies](#)
[Sometimes you're a caterpillar](#)
[Brene Brown on Empathy](#)

Kid-Young Adult Friendly Movies

Remember the Titans
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
Hidden Figures
Becoming
Just Mercy
Marshall
I Am Not Your Negro

Reading Resources for Adults

Occupied America: A History of Chicanos
Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice: A Sourcebook for Teachers and Trainers
Readings for Diversity and Social Justice: An Anthology on Racism, Sexism, Classism, Anti-Semitism, Heterosexism, and Ableism
We Should All Be Feminists
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in The Age of Colorblindness
White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide
The Price of the Ticket: Collected Nonfiction Between the World and Me
Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement
White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Race
Racist America: Roots, Current Realities, and Future Reparations
White Fatigue: Rethinking Resistance for Social Justice
Pedagogy of the Oppressed
Promoting Diversity and Social Justice
Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom
When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir
How To Be An Anti-Racist
Stamped From The Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America

[FULL LIST >](#)

Supporters

Thank you to the countless number of families who participated and who continue to participate by raising anti-racist children who stand up for what is right.

Youth Speakers

Nigel Worsham, 11, 6th grade, Windy City Chapter

Mackenzie Humphrey, 14, 9th grade, Lakeshore Chapter

Anah Ambuchi, 13, 8th grade

Jori Findley, 12, 8th grade, Lakeshore Chapter

Aaron Brown, 18, 2020 graduate, will attend Cornell University, Mid-Western Regional Teen Foundation Chair, Western Cook County

KEY NOTES:

Jaden Blake, 11th grade, Chicago Chapter

Jarrett Blake, 10th grade, Chicago Chapter

Jack & Jill Chapters

Lakeshore Chapter

Windy City Chapter

Western Cook County

Magnificent Mile Provisional Group

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