



The King Urban Life Center condemns the terrorist attack on Tops Supermarket. We send our love, comfort, and support to the victims, families, and loved ones of the victims, including our board member Zeneta Everhart and her son Zaire, who was shot.

Thankfully, he is home, safe, and recovering.

The Tops Market was not just a grocery store. It was the only place in our community to buy healthy foods. The market also symbolized hope and possibility. Black Buffalo waged a long struggle to secure a supermarket. Before Tops, community members had to travel to the suburbs or distant locations in Buffalo to grocery shop. Thus, the establishment of Tops made healthy foods more accessible. It was a victory in our battle to abolish health inequities and achieve social, physical, and mental well-being.

Tops did not end food apartheid, but it dealt it a blow. And it turned this supermarket into a sacred place in the Black community. Thus, the attack on the market by right-wing White supremacists cuts deep into the heart of Black Buffalo. Still, this mean-spirited and evil assault will not intimidate nor deter the Black community. The King Urban Life Center rededicates itself to the fight to eliminate oppression and exploitation and to build a society based on racial, social, economic, and political justice.

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