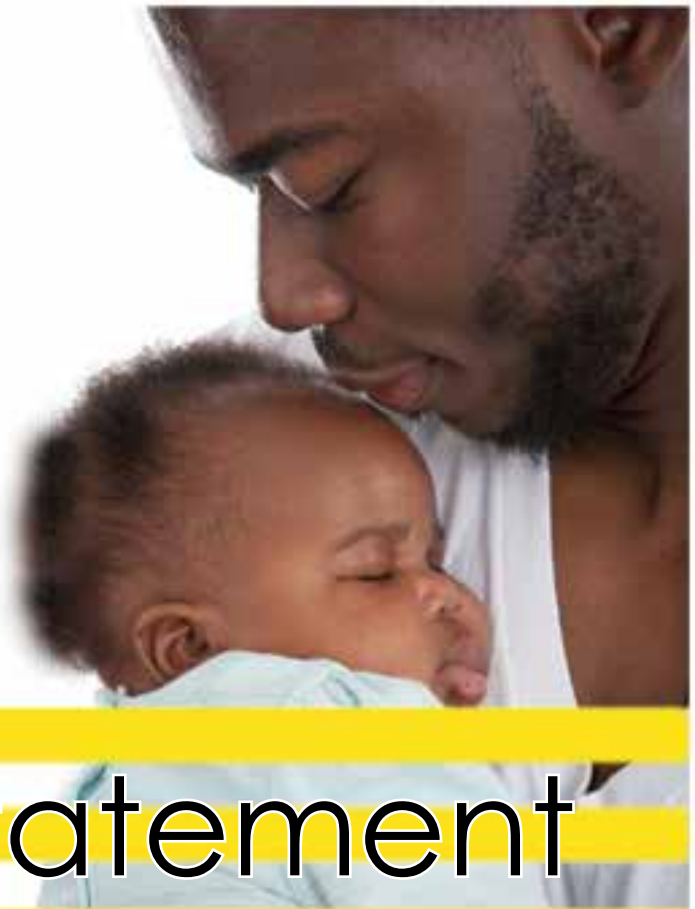


BLACK LIVES MATTER

A solidarity statement



The Sandy Hill Community Health Centre stands in solidarity with the **Black Lives Matter** movement.

We are part of a society where the lives of Black, Indigenous and People of Color continue to be blighted by structural racism, lack of opportunity, health disparities and direct violence by agents of the state and others.

Black Lives Matter is a movement created in 2012 by Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi. They describe it as a movement and not a moment. *“Rooted in the experiences of Black people in this country who actively resist our de-humanization, #BlackLivesMatter is a call to action and a response to the virulent anti-Black racism that permeates our society.”*

Affirming that **Black Lives Matter** engages with our Centre's vision of “everyone in our community will have an equitable opportunity for health and well-being”, and recommits us to creating “inclusive and equitable conditions to improving health and wellbeing wherever staff, volunteers and clients gather to interact”.

The work of implementing change is our responsibility. We encourage everyone to reflect, engage and plan their own contributions that address and reduce discrimination and bias in their own places of work and community. We are committed to listening to and learning from the Black voices in our community. The conversation does not stop with this movement. It's a commitment rooted in our humanity and concern for the lives and well-being of Black people.

Black Lives Matter. Black lives have always mattered. Black lives will always matter.