

# STAND AGAINST RACISM

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## YWCA Lower Cape Fear Takes a Stand Against Racism

**WILMINGTON, N.C.** – The YWCA Lower Cape Fear calls all individuals to join us in taking a Stand Against Racism on Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual event aims to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities. Stand Against Racism will unite our community in a bold demonstration that delivers a clear message: we are on a mission to eliminate racism.

“Just a couple of weeks ago, at the Martin Luther King 50th Year Commemoration event, the YWCA Lower Cape Fear declared its commitment to Dr. King’s Six Steps of Nonviolent Community Change in which he emphasized that in order to have successful change, we need information gathering, education, personal commitment, discussion, direct action, and reconciliation. Our annual peaceful Stand Against Racism is just the beginning of our quest for nonviolent community change.” said Charrise Hart, YWCA Lower Cape Fear CEO.

From Thursday through Sunday, events are anticipated in nearly every state across the country including public policy advocacy, community education, and public proclamations. Here in Wilmington, the YWCA will host the following community events:

- **Thursday, April 26:** YWCA Potluck For Peace will be held at the Cape Fear Museum from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Group discussions about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the relevance of his teachings in our community will be facilitated by Kimberly McLaughlin-Smith, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist at UNCW.
- **Friday, April 27:** The Stand Against Racism will be held on the steps of City Hall in downtown Wilmington from 11:30am - 1:00pm. WWAY TV 3 news anchor Amanda Fitzpatrick will emcee the event, with support from New Hanover County and City of Wilmington officials. League of Women Voters will host a voter registration drive in partnership with the Stand. All are encouraged to attend, bring signs, or wear orange to show your support.

Participants in YWCA’s Stand Against Racism range from schoolchildren to elected officials, from executives of large corporations to church leaders, and many others. For more details on these events, visit: [www.ywca-lowercapefear.org/SAR](http://www.ywca-lowercapefear.org/SAR). For questions, please contact YWCA Lower Cape Fear Community Impact Coordinator Kylah Thorpe at 910-799-6820, extension 114 or email [community@ywca-lowercapefear.org](mailto:community@ywca-lowercapefear.org).

### About YWCA

YWCA Lower Cape Fear is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen our community. YWCA Lower Cape Fear is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to [ywca-lowercapefear.org](http://ywca-lowercapefear.org)

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