The Kennebec Valley Community Action Program stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. Racism towards persons of color has served as an activator that has accelerated the loss of life and disproportionate losses to important populations in our country.

Almost 56 years ago, Community Action was born as part of the civil rights movement, and we continue to denounce all forms of violence and any acts that dehumanize anyone. Community Action affirms that our healing as a nation is tied to strengthening our connections as neighbors, family members, co-workers, and communities. Our values assert, “We believe that all people should be treated with dignity and respect and recognize that structural race, gender and other inequities remain barriers that must be addressed.” We envision a nation that creates opportunities for all people to thrive, build strong, resilient communities, and ensures a more equitable society.

The words of the Community Action Promise articulate who we are and what we believe, “We care about the entire community” and fully acknowledge that advancing equity and inclusion is critical to the success of our communities and our nation.

**Community Action Promise:**

*Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.*

*We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*