



# Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative

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The Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative (CGLI), a Fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, is committed to cultivating positive change in the lives of trailblazing youth of color living within Western New York.

The CGLI family includes high school students, emerging professionals and experienced leaders of color who are intentional about empowering our youth and young adults to be agents of change in our community, the country and the world. We accomplish this through collective giving and the sharing of our experiences and connections.

We are heartbroken and enraged as we live through the most recent series of injustices, sickness and loss of life. We stand in solidarity to put an end to hundreds of years of oppression and injustices disproportionately felt by African Americans and other communities of color.

As we continue to mourn the most recent losses of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, we also continue to stand in solace with our African American community. We pledge our resources toward addressing the needs of our youth of color in Western New York to help them get through both current crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are hopeful that the frustration, anger, anxiety, hurt, harm, hopelessness, and fear being experienced during this time gives way to equitable justice and meaningful, sustainable social and economic change for communities of color everywhere.

The CGLI Council is currently assessing needs with organizations serving youth of color in our community to find meaningful ways to support them during these challenging times and we will share an update on our actions in the coming weeks.

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*"We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes"*  
*-Ella Baker 1903-1986*