

## **YOUR SUPPORT MEANS MORE THAN EVER AT COALITION4JUSTICE**

### **Four Years of Advancing Equity and Justice, Bridging Cultures and Changing Lives with Your Help**

As 2024 draws to a close, it is time to reflect on a milestone year of our four impactful years and the incredible difference we have made, since Coalition4Justice was founded by an award-winning DEI advocate and activist, Dr. Bernadine E. Ahonkhai. We have worked side by side with you to shape our “Humanity First” and a better, healthier, safer future to all Americans. Through our two monthly adult education programs, our Speaker Series and our Community Conversations, we have brought people together in a safe, open, non-judgmental space to engage in authentic conversations about challenging topics on Racial discrimination, Racism and Oppression in our society. At a time when the country is increasingly and dangerously politicized and divided, we are raising public awareness and educating people about racial discrimination, racism, and injustice and helping change individual attitudes, policies laws and practices through our monthly Speaker Series, our Community Conversation program offered via Zoom, our advocacy, community activism, and civic action. Our commitment to racial equity and social justice, dismantling deep-rooted issues like oppression, racism, systemic injustices, and to ensure a more inclusive and safer future is unwavering. And your support fuels the work we do, inspires transformative and sustainable action, and brings hope to historically oppressed and marginalized communities and people facing incredible challenges daily.



Our award-winning YouthBuild Diversity Ambassador Leadership Program (YouthBuild DALP), which is provided to students in Middle and High Schools, ensures that our youth have a solid foundation on which to create a better and inclusive future rooted in understanding, empathy, purpose, and resilience. As our k-12

education system has been turned into a political battleground, and insensitivity, stereotyping, microaggression, conscious and unconscious bias, bullying, and cyberspace harassment have escalated, our youth program is designed to help improve

school culture and climate. Young people bring a vital element to the table – their curiosity- in conversations about social justice issues. Coalition4Justice YouthBuild Ambassador Leadership Program is educating our younger generation for democracy in a post-affirmative action world. We recognize that our youth want to talk about difficult issues in our society and the world around them. In fact, such dialogues provide the opportunity to see our youth engage lively as they discuss deep questions about their world. Our youth are still developing an understanding of the world around them and how they fit within their local school communities, their neighborhoods and the world at large. Coalition4Justice youth program helps students learn to understand who they are and who their peers are, the historical and contemporary contexts of structures and impact of race, racial discrimination, and racism. Having these discussions with their stories and that of others, listening and learning about different experiences, help foster emotional connections between and among our youth. Students develop a deeper understanding of themselves and empathy for each other that leads to working towards justice, a sense of belonging, and a more welcoming, healthier, and safer learning environment, neighborhoods, and nation.

Our work also includes advocacy to effect needed changes in policies and laws with unintended negative impact on people and communities of color and the poor who are mostly people of color. We engage our lawmakers and educate them and their key staff on issues and encourage our audience to contact their legislators also about key issues of interest. We have collaborated with other nonprofit organizations to plan and implement “Legislative Summit” and visits or calls to elected officials. Coalition4Justice, along with other collaborative partners, planned and implemented Advocacy Day on May 5, 2024, with a successful visit of several organizations, and community members to legislators in Harrisburg to meet with them about our key issues namely, Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and Mental Health. Our Founder and CEO, Dr. Ahonkhai led several small groups to meet with legislators in Harrisburg on Advocacy Day.

In the fall and winter of 2023, we also worked with several faith-based organizations about homelessness crisis in Montgomery County that resulted in our County Commissioners raising the Code Blue temperature requirement for shelters to open their doors to bring homeless individuals inside from the cold. We provided personal support and materials to area shelters for our unhoused residents. Coalition for Racial Equity and Social Justice is making incredible impact and changing lives by creating awareness and educating people about a wide variety of inequity and injustice issues in every sector of our society, including in education, healthcare, legal system, economy and wealth, housing, transportation, voting rights, etc., and a call to purposeful and sustainable action in our communities, our state and beyond our borders.



Advocacy Day- Dr. Bernadine Ahonkhai, Coalition Founder & CEO with her team

## GIVING THANKS TO YOU

This Thanksgiving we are profoundly grateful to our resolute volunteer team, our Board members, our entire Coalition4justice family, our community partners and all those who have provided the Coalition with financial and other support. Your commitment, your voices, your engagement, and your help fuel the progress we have achieved together in just four years.

Your dedication and unwavering support are a blessing we will never forget. We look forward to your continued support in the years ahead. This Thanksgiving, and every day, we are most thankful for all of you. Thank you for your confidence in the work we do. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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