

Statement of Principles

June 25, 2020

Solidarity with those in the fight against systemic racism and injustice

The John Howard Society of Manitoba stands in solidarity with people around the world who are standing up to fight systemic racism and police brutality, and affirms the lives of Black and Indigenous people, both here in Manitoba and elsewhere.

We believe all participants in the justice system—and every individual in the rich social fabric of our community—should be treated with humanity and dignity.

We will all be safer if we address the root causes of crime, including poverty, homelessness, addictions and mental health needs.

We will all be safer if we work to eradicate racism and bias in all areas of the justice system, including policing.

We are deeply committed to upholding diversity and human rights at every level of our organization, and we are committed to positive reform.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

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