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Dear Friend,

During this time of uncertainty, fear and division, The Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation is committed to leading the way in our community with light, hope and unity.

In 2020 we were able to support the Dominican Literacy Center with a grant to purchase new tutoring materials to modernize their curriculum. We were also able to help fund the Fox Valley Grantmakers Covid-19 Response Fund, which granted nearly \$600,000 to 50 agencies serving the Fox River Valley. In order to fund more life changing programs next year, we need your help!

Please consider supporting Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation by sponsoring our virtual racial justice event on **October 19, 2020**. Reverend Naomi Tutu and her daughter, Ms. Mungi Ngomane, author of the book *Everyday Ubuntu: Living Better Together, The African Way*, will join us for an incredibly special evening. Reverend Tutu and Ms. Ngomane are the daughter and granddaughter of Nobel Peace Prize recipient and human rights activist, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. They proudly carry on their family legacy of fighting for racial justice and equality, while highlighting the ways we are more alike, than different. Our event will feature Ms. Ngomane discussing the Southern African philosophy of ubuntu, that celebrates the universal human bond and Reverend Tutu demonstrating how we can use these principals to further racial justice initiatives in our own communities. This event will take place during YWCA USA's annual Week Without Violence, reiterating the importance of affecting change within our systems. **In this uncertain time, your support is appreciated now more than ever.**

Please join us in our goal to raise awareness and help foster inclusiveness in our community. We would be grateful if you'd return the enclosed form today – **show your support for racial justice and healing our community.**

Sincerely,

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