COHHIO Stands Firmly Against All Forces of White Supremacist Ideology.

COHHIO stands firmly against all forces of white supremacist ideology and terror that presented itself on March 16th in Atlanta. We mourn the eight lives lost, including six Asian-American women, on that tragic day.

Violence against Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi Americans (APIDA) has been a long nightmare in the land of the American Dream. The gruesome intersections of racism, sexism, and classism have left a wake of pain. If you are unfamiliar, we encourage you to listen to this brief history of Anti-Asian sentiment in the United States.

Since the onset of the pandemic, violence against the APIDA community has been at an all-time high and women were twice as likely compared to men to be targeted. Ohio ranked the state with the 18th most reported incidences of violence against Asian-Americans over the last year.

We must recognize the intersections of race, class, and gender as tools of oppression that have led to man-made social problems – especially homelessness. Housing insecurity exists because we still refuse to treat every human being as equally valuable. As long as some of us are considered disposable or less than others – none of us are truly valued for our inherent dignity as people. In an inequitable society homelessness will persist, gun-violence will persist, poverty will persist, hate will persist, and all of the things we claim to stand against will remain.

To solve these issues, we must reconcile the oppressive legacies of our past, process the pain of our present, and passionately pursue equity if we have any hope to heal for our future.

Email racialequity@cohio.org with any comments or questions.
Resources:

- The Long History of Racism Against Asian Americans:
  - https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/the-long-history-of-racism-against-asian-americans-in-the-u-s?fbclid=IwAR2pklNpn9SyBcaSxlJe78iwGyOZXlyO88I4D7ycdBt5dkKh0nTx11Cxxs&mc_cid=f9173446c2&mc_eid=2d9bc9181f

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta:
  - https://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org/?goal=0_c72776feb-d0de75ed53-1204104270&mc_cid=d0de75ed53&mc_eid=f40bd624ff

- Stop AAPI Hate:
  - https://stopaapihate.org/

- Bystander Intervention Training to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment:
  - https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/?mc_cid=f9173446c2&mc_eid=2d9bc9181f

- Asian Lit for Kids:
  - https://www.instagram.com/asianlitforkids/?goal=0_c72776feb-d0de75ed53-1204104270&mc_cid=d0de75ed53&mc_eid=f40bd624ff

- Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning (Book):
  - https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/605371/minor-feelings-by-cathy-park-hong/?goal=0_c72776feb-d0de75ed53-1204104270&mc_cid=d0de75ed53&mc_eid=f40bd624ff

- Race in America: Rise in Anti-Asian Violence:
  - https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post/live/2021/03/03/race-america-rise-anti-asian-violence-with-actor-daniel-dae-kim/?goal=0_c72776feb-d0de75ed53-1204104270&mc_cid=d0de75ed53&mc_eid=f40bd624ff

- Support AAPI Community Fund:

- Asian Mental Health Collective:
  - https://www.instagram.com/asianmentalhealthcollective/

- How white supremacy tried to divide Black and Asian Americans — and how communities worked to find common ground (Vox):