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Dear Girls Inc. Supporters, Families and Friends:

Girls Inc. of Worcester stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Since COVID-19, the United States has seen an alarming escalation of violence, xenophobia, and harassment against the AAPI community. Every individual must work to speak out and stand up, both when witnessing isolated incidents of racism and against systems of racism, classism, and sexism, and all forms of oppression.

Our language and actions matter. Microaggressions and stereotypes are not only violence themselves, but also fuel larger acts of violence such as the senseless murders in Atlanta. The event in Atlanta demonstrates how racism, sexism, and classism are entangled: we must fight them together as facets of a greater system of oppression. We cannot end sexism without also ending racism.

Let us remember the victims in Atlanta.

- Daoyou Feng
- Hyun Jung Grant
- Delaina Ashley Yaun Gonzalez
- Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz
- Suncha Kim
- Paul Andre Michels
- Soon Chung Park
- Xiaojie Tan
- Yong Ae Yue

Let us honor their memory and all unnamed victims of racism by urgently prioritizing the work to address racial inequities. At Girls Inc. of Worcester, our programs strive to eliminate barriers to empower ALL girls to be strong, smart, and bold. For our girls, and girls everywhere, we stand with communities of color and against racism.

Yours in solidarity,

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