

Global Gifts Statement in Support of Racial Justice
June 1, 2020

Global Gifts is committed to supporting disadvantaged people and marginalized communities around the world. The Fair Trade approach is one based on dialogue, transparency, and respect. This message is needed right now in our local communities and in others around the United States. We would like to reaffirm our organization's long-standing support for equity and justice. At this painful time, we find it necessary to reflect on the historical marginalization and subsequent disadvantages faced in the United States by black individuals and families of any national origin. Through systemic inequity and persistent injustice, we created this struggle; and through complacency and inaction, we allow it to continue.

To walk a mile in another's shoes is not enough. Those of us in fair trade know that when we put those shoes on, we should be informed about where they came from. More importantly, we should be informed about who crafted them and whether that person was treated equitably, paid fairly, their family cared for, and their homes made safe. Today's message is no different. We all should be walking that mile and making things better before the next shoes are ever made.

Our historic foundation in pacifism leads us to take this action without violence. Inflicting pain on others does not right any wrongs. It slows the healing process. We stand in solidarity with peaceful action.

Our own peaceful action during the month of June will be to offer in-store visitors the option to round-up each purchase. In addition to the purchase supporting Fair Trade around the world, this round-up amount will benefit a group of other non-profit organizations working to promote equity and justice for disadvantaged and marginalized people in our local communities. In June our round up funds will go to [Showing Up for Racial Justice](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana and Columbus, Ohio, and [Black Lives Matter](#) in Bloomington, Indiana. Funds raised will be matched by Global Gifts.

We hope all our visitors and community members will join us in support of disadvantaged people and marginalized communities around the world, by buying fair trade and supporting local action. If you would like to donate directly, [do so here](#) and leave a note stating you would like your donation to go to Showing Up for Racial Justice or Black Lives Matter in Bloomington, and to be matched by Global Gifts.