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**Statement from Dorri McWhorter, Chief Executive Officer  
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago on Adam Toledo Shooting**

**April 15, 2021**

Dear Friends,

As the leader of an organization whose mission is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all, I am fortunate to be surrounded by 300 people who do the work to fulfill this mission every day. Unfortunately, we live in a world where we are reminded daily of just how critical our mission is. The recent shooting of Adam Toledo in our city, as well as other police-involved incidents across the country have continued to inflict pain on the families having experienced the loss of a loved one, the communities we serve, and in fact, each of us.

Today, I relayed a message to my YWCA colleagues asking them to please take care of themselves. I know that the difficult work we do, as well as the trauma we all experience from these events weigh heavy on us. I ask the same of you. As we hold space for the grieving family and friends of Adam Toledo, I ask that each of you do what feels best to you at this time - hug your own child, practice self-care, advocate for policies that prevent tragedies like this from reoccurring, continue your commitment to social change - all expressions of our humanity are welcome.