



This year has presented innumerable and unprecedented challenges, especially for our community. While mask wearing and social distancing is not new for so many of us, the impact of COVID 19 has further increased our fears and anxieties. And while everyone is facing this battle against the Corona virus, this global health crisis has disproportionately burdened the racial and ethnic minority populations across this country. And more recently, we have seen our nation in even greater pain. I am profoundly saddened by the injustices we see spotlighting the inequity in our systems and institutions. It is distressing, to say the least, to see that there is still so much work to be done.

While we recognize the our limitations and perspectives, and the understanding we have yet to do, all of us on the Stupid Cancer team are pledged, unequivocally, to stand with and support all communities of color. Today I ask for your help as we reexamine how we may come together to do better; how we may address the health disparities faced by our fellow community members of color; and how we can best support all those impacted by young adult cancer.

Since inception, Stupid Cancer has operated with the vision of building community and empowering individuals to live with dignity. This is a responsibility I, and all of us at Stupid Cancer, take incredibly seriously. And together with all of you, we are a community. We all have a role to play, whether it's sharing our experience, ideas, support or taking action – we can – we must - all do better.

And I want to know how Stupid Cancer can do better for you.

As always, we remain committed to empowering all AYAs impacted by cancer and advocating for equitable access to health care. Moving forward we will be even more deliberate in ensuring we best use our resources to amplify the needs of every single individual within our community, and work to minimize the evident disparities across diverse populations, ensuring everyone has an equal opportunity to live a healthy life, to get busy living.

Thank you for being a part of this community.

Alison Silberman, CEO
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