

Two Weeks of Tragedies In Our Country



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Dear Y Colleagues,

I'm running out of words to express my sadness and anger about the nonstop succession of tragedies in our country. Buffalo, Laguna Woods and now Uvalde – all in the past two weeks. So many lives and so much potential lost. My heart goes out to them and their loved ones.

Schools, stores and houses of worship should be safe places. So should trains, parks and street corners. I hope and pray that people with the power to do so find the will and wisdom to address this devastating problem in our country – and that the next person who would commit such an act gets the love and support they need before it happens.

At the YMCA, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life and reach their full potential. We must continue to do everything we can to advance the Y's mission and purpose in the communities we serve. Our work has never been more important, and I find it to be an antidote to the helplessness and despair I feel in the wake of tragedies like those we've experienced during the past two weeks. Our work is the Y's contribution to the solution.

As a reminder, [resources are available here on Link](#) to help your Y meet the needs of your staff and communities, including children, during times of tragedy and trauma. Y-USA and our Network Partners are here to support you, and we're grateful for everything you are doing.

May peace be with us all.

Suzanne