

# DAY 21: Take Action in Washtenaw County

Congratulations on completing your first United Way of Washtenaw County Equity Challenge. We are incredibly thankful you have come along this journey with us and made time to learn and reflect on topics of equity within our county. We know these conversations and the feelings they evoke are not always easy but making more space for brave dialogue is one of many steps we can take towards achieving equity in Washtenaw County.

Almost 5,000 people signed up for our first 21-Day Equity Challenge – an incredible community of individuals ready to bring about change. I challenge each of you to share a reflection on your experience with a family member, friend or co-worker to continue the momentum from this challenge. Below we have compiled a list of opportunities for you to continue this conversation and take action to drive forward change in our community.

Sincerely,

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## Today's Challenge:

**Option 1:** Sign up to volunteer in our community at [VolunteerWashtenaw.org](https://www.volunteerwashtenaw.org). Find a volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule or interests or browse agencies that need support.

**Option 2:** Attend an 8-week [R.A.C.E Dialogue](#) to explore the topic of race with your neighbors and learn from each other's lived experiences.

**Option 3:** Check out NEW's [Champions for Change](#) programming: the [Leaders of Color Fellowship](#) and [Allies Academy](#).

**Option 4:** Next time you are running errands or heading to the grocery store, if you typically travel by car, challenge yourself by taking the bus. [Click here to find a route to your destination.](#)

**As a reminder, here are other opportunities presented throughout the challenge to continue your equity journey in Washtenaw:**

- Attend a [Talking with Kids about Race and Racism](#) workshop. The next scheduled workshop is February 9, 2020. Can't make it? Email [kids@changeworksllc.com](mailto:kids@changeworksllc.com) to find out about future workshops or to learn more.
- Continue your equity journey by [reading the 2020 Washtenaw Reads book selection](#), *Dear America: Notes from an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas and attending the author talk on January 30th at Washtenaw Community College.
- Join a movement, like the [Racial & Economic Justice Task Force](#), [attend a workshop](#) like Poverty Simulation or Bystander Intervention, or [join a monthly book group discussion](#) from our partners at the [Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice](#) (ICPJ).

**Share your reflections** on today's topic on social media using the hashtag **#unitedforequity** and tag **@uwashtenaw**.