Michigan Social Work’s Commitment to Social Justice

Michigan Social Work is rooted in anti-racism and social justice. Since our founding in 1921, Michigan Social Work has been deeply committed to creating a more equitable, caring, and socially-just society. Such a society meets basic human needs and eliminates racial, economic and social inequities and empowers individuals, their communities, and institutions to reach their aspirations and highest potential.

Today, as Michigan Social Work celebrates its Centennial year -- *in the shadow of a worldwide pandemic that amplified the deep divisions and inequities that exist in our society* -- we must step up our efforts to dismantle systemic oppression and eliminate racial, economic, and social inequities.

One such step is the creation of the School’s Centennial Social Justice Impact Fund.

Established with a leadership gift from Dean Lynn Videka, the endowed Social Justice Impact Fund will provide perpetual support for rigorous research, experiential learning, and engaged community service. Endowed funds build lasting financial strength and provide permanent support. The fund will be protected and will grow over time, meaning the School’s commitment to social justice is financially supported forever.

*With the support of our thousands of alumni and friends, we aspire to raise $1 million for the Social Justice Impact Fund.*
The more you and others give to the Social Justice Impact Fund, the greater the impact we can make together by investing in:

**Innovative Social Justice Research** focused on promoting social change and improving the lives of those affected by systemic inequities.

**Student Scholarship Support** for MSW students committed to leading antiracism and anti-oppression initiatives.

**Community Social Justice Events** to expand understanding of systemic racism and oppression to inspire others to become agents of change.

**Community Social Innovation Prize** to fund a bold idea that will address social, racial and systemic inequities through a collaboration among SSW faculty, students and a community-based organization.

**The Power of Supporting Michigan Social Work**

Please join us in celebrating 100 years of Michigan Social Work excellence by making a gift to the Centennial Social Justice Impact Fund. **While matching dollars last, Michigan Social Work will match all gifts dollar-for-dollar, so please consider making your gift today before matching dollars run out!**

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