

Neighborhoods Band Together to Help With Sandy Relief Efforts



Donation site in New York. [Source](#)

Over the past few weeks many of us have either watched or read about the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. In the wake of the storm, Not In Our Town's hope is that we, as a collective, can contribute to the recovery and restoration of communities most affected by the storm.

This Friday, our staff will lead a 'Snacks for Sandy Relief' campaign in Frank Ogawa Plaza in downtown Oakland from 12-1 p.m. with donated goods from local businesses. All proceeds of the effort will be donated to New York and New Jersey Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

We've been inspired by those in NIOT Network who are already taking action. Our friends at [Not In Our Town Princeton are donating to Our Place: Muslims Against Hunger](#), which is providing hot meals to Sandy victims who still don't have power and the [Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties](#), which distributed more than 225,000 meals to pantries, churches, senior centers and shelters. [Occupy Sandy](#) volunteers have put together [a registry](#) so out-of-towners can donate supplies to the relief effort. Still looking for a way to pitch in? [Check out this great crowd-sourced list from Tribeca Cinemas](#).

Please join us in downtown Oakland, but most importantly, please consider actions where citizens in your town can come together for people in need. Share your ideas and actions with the Not In Our Town community on [Facebook](#).

CNN: Who Says There Is No Solution to Bullying?

When the CNN Schools of Thought blog posted "Break Bullying," it received more than 500 comments from viewers. Some were heartening; many were not. Well-meaning comments posed possible solutions to bullying: Some were practical and others were outright scary. One man proudly admitted to paying \$50 to a man he found on the street to beat up the bully, who ended up "in a hospital for a month." At Not In Our School we believe that there are effective solutions and they don't include violence.

Video: Ole Miss Election Night Controversy & Response



Students of Ole Miss countered a racially charged Election Night protest with a candlelight vigil of their own. Check out video of the vigil on Vimeo (2 min 6 sec). [Watch now.](#)

We're Hiring!
Not In Our Town seeks a Development Manager and a Community Engagement Director. [Find out more about these exciting opportunities.](#)



Read the [CNN blogpost by Dr. Becki Cohn-Vargas, Not In Our School Director, here.](#)

Remembering Victims on Anniversary of Marcelo Lucero's Hate Crime Killing



Nov. 8 marked the fourth anniversary of Marcelo Lucero's hate crime killing in Patchogue, NY. Marcelo's death unveiled a pattern of anti-immigrant attacks that had gone unnoticed for years. We documented Patchogue's efforts to heal divisions after tragedy in *Light in the Darkness*, and we remember Marcelo Lucero because immigrants are still vulnerable to violence.

[Read our blog post remembering Marcelo and all hate crime victims.](#)

