

Over the past few weeks, we've had wonderful opportunities to connect with our community and spread the anti-hate message.

- In New York, we connected with **immigrant communities** at [Light in the Darkness](#) screenings in Queens, Chinatown, Brooklyn and the Bronx for Immigrant Heritage Week, which is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. [See a slideshow of the screening at the Bronx Museum](#) in late April.
- In early May, we met with 75 **FBI agents and police chiefs** at the Northern District of California Hate Crimes Conference.
- On Monday, we joined **educators and students** at Soledad High School in Monterey County, CA for the kick off of its inaugural Not In Our School week. Our films will be screened in every classroom.



*Director Patrice O'Neill
at the Bronx Museum*

In this eNews: Perspectives on uniting our communities and combating racism.

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The Not In Our Town team

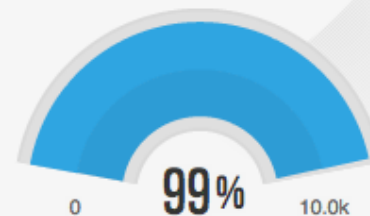
YWCA Greater Cleveland: 10 Steps Towards Bridging Our Painful Racial Divide

As part of its participation in the national Stand Against Racism campaign, YWCA Greater Cleveland hosted a screening and discussion of *Light in the Darkness* on April 27. Before the event, YWCA Greater Cleveland President and CEO Margaret Mitchell wrote this op-ed on fighting racism.

"There is a cure against racism. The deep

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wounds can be healed but the healing process is intricate, deliberate and will require involvement from those who have previously remained silent."

[Here are 10 steps we can each take to step out of the shadows of silence.](#)



*Margaret A. Mitchell
President & CEO, YWCA
Greater Cleveland*

NIOT Montana Leader on Obama & Marriage Equality



Eran Thompson, chair of NIOT Billings

As many celebrate, controversy is swirling nationwide after President Obama's support of gay marriage last week. In Montana, a local opponent suggested that African-Americans are now more likely to abandon President Obama. NIOT leader Eran Thompson writes this piece about the importance of unity.

Thompson says that such divisive statements create a false reality and are "*meant to divide our communities, and we simply cannot let it pass. The struggle for dignity, security, and justice is a shared struggle across constituencies.*"

[Read Eran Thompson's "Obama on Marriage and Uniting Our Communities."](#)

Trayvon Martin: A Wakeup Call to End Stereotype Threat

At Not In Our Town, we have been looking deeper at the implications of stereotyping and profiling that led to the killing of Trayvon Martin. We are probing not only deeply held bigoted attitudes that contribute to acts of bullying and hate, but also more subtle, equally devastating educational achievement and opportunity gaps.

They both stem from the same

sources: a lack of acceptance and inclusion coupled with unfair stereotypes. We have been examining the concepts of *stereotype threat* and *identity safety* as two powerful concepts that not only offer insight into these problems, but point to solutions. [Read about reducing stereotype threat.](#)



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