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Embracing the Dream now available online!



Just in time for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, we have gathered the films, study guide, and special Martin Luther King Jr. content included in *Embracing the Dream: Lessons from the Not In Our Town Movement* on our website. You can find all of the films and download the PDF discussion guide [here](#).

We have already been receiving great responses from our community. This parent and scoutmaster watched the collection with a Boy Scout troop in Mountain View, Calif. and said, "The program was a huge, huge success with our Scout troop. They paid attention, discussed the questions within their patrols, and shared some keen insights and experiences. The parents who observed were enthralled. What a valuable night."

The Brattleboro Area Interfaith Clergy Association, is screening the collection as part of a two-day Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration and the MY HERO project has listed the collection in its Teacher's Room that provides curriculum links. Read more about how communities are using it [here](#).

Our thoughts with Tucson

"A cross-section of our country lived and died in that parking lot that day. What they all had in common was their willingness to participate-to be part of

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NIOT Community

We welcome new group [Not In Our Town Belleville](#) (Belleville, IL), and thank members of the NIOT network who have documented their stand against hate on the NIOT map in California, Idaho, Texas and South Carolina.

See the [Facing History and Ourselves exhibit](#) on Not In Our Town, which includes helpful "Connections Questions" useful for discussing our original documentary as a group.

[Models of Unity](#), which aims to identify and promote local models that help bridge divides and reinforce "wider identities rooted in our common humanity" has shared models in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Our NIOT video, highlighting the [Adams Unity Coalition in Gettysburg, PA](#), is featured on their multimedia inspiration page.

Stay tuned for more on these exciting developments.



the process, both messy and mundane, that is our democracy. This is not a Republican tragedy or Democratic tragedy. This is an American tragedy."
-Executive Producer Patrice O'Neill

Read the entire commentary, "[Honor Congresswoman Giffords and the Fallen of Tucson: Participate.](#)"

Individuals and groups in our network and in Tucson have been using this image to show their support of Tucson.

This week, in the wake of tragedy, Tucson witnessed-and inspired-an amazing coming-together of people by the tens of thousands. In both grief and solidarity, the people of Tucson have hosted vigils and memorials, with cities around the country following suit.

At this moment in our history, we want the people of Tucson to know that we stand with them. And we hope that you, as members of the Not In Our Town community, will stand with them as well.

[Find out how you can support the efforts in Tucson.](#)

In Production: Students change the bullying landscape at Orange High School in Cleveland, Ohio



NIOT production crew on location in Cleveland, OH

The Not In Our Town production crew has been at Orange High School in Cleveland, Ohio, where students are mapping bullying zones in their school. Stay tuned for more coverage from NIOT.

For more information, the school district discusses this creative approach to bullying [here](#).

Fort Collins Not In Our Town Alliance honored as Outstanding Nonprofit Organization



The Fort Collins Not In Our Town Alliance at the awards dinner. and features (L-R) prevention team leader Caroline Tu Farley and board members Charlotte Miller, Cheryl Beckett and Lester Washington.

The Fort Collins Not In Our Town Alliance was honored with a 2010 Advancing Equality Award from the [Gay & Lesbian Fund of Colorado](#). Though the organization received 40 nominations from across the state, Fort Collins NIOTA nabbed the award for Outstanding Nonprofit Organization.

According to the Gay & Lesbian Fund, the NIOTA was selected for forming "prevention and response teams that develop educational awareness and anti-hate campaigns, and offer support for victims, often organizing community responses to incidents. One recent community response involved working with the local LGBT community center to stage a completely silent and peaceful response when members of the Westboro Baptist Church

descended on Fort Collins this summer. ... The alliance also works to engage schools and youth in educational outreach, flyer-distribution campaigns and press coverage in response to incidents, like when a brick was thrown through the window of a local Islamic center in northern Colorado; and calling attention to a local sheriff's webpage that also contained anti-Muslim comments."

Congratulations to Fort Collins! Visit their [NIOT group page](#) and [website](#).

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