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## Students at University of Wisconsin need a hand... literally.

After hate vandalism was discovered at the University of Wisconsin, students began planning a largescale response: they are gathering 8,404 photos of people's hands with the words "stop hate" written

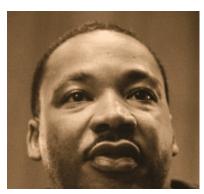
on them--one picture for every hate crime committed in 2005. When they've got all the photos, they will hold an exhibit and anti-hate event, but they're a long way from their goal. Student Activates Coordinator Tony Kwiatkowski contacted NIOT and asked for support. You can help by taking pictures of your "hands against hate" and emailing them to hands.against.hate@gmail.com. You can also upload photos to Facebook or Myspace (Facebook Group: Hands Against Hate; Myspace Group: handsagainsthate), or send a CD of pictures to Tony Kwiatkowski, Program Coordinator in the Office of Student Activities at University of Wisconsin-Parkside. For more information about the project, contact Tony Kwiatkowski at (262) 595-2279 or hands.against.hate@gmail.com.

## **THANK YOU Not In Our Town Supporters!**



We would like to express out heart-felt gratitude to all who donated to Not In Our Town. Because of your generosity, we came very close to hitting our fundraising goal of \$10,000. The money we raised will help fund organizing work with the newly formed NIOT National Advisory and Youth Advisory Committees. It will also better position us to expand staff and resources to bolster the work of NIOT communities across the country.

While TWG depends on grants from foundations for program production, your support is essential to funding the day-to-day operations and community building that have made Not In Our Town a valuable national resource in the fight against hate and intolerance for over a decade. We are honored by your involvement, and we're looking forward to what we can do together in 2007. Thank you so much!



## Happy Martin Luther King Day

The Working Group's newest project documents the struggle for Martin Luther King Day in Greenville County, South Carolina--one of the last counties to recognize the federal holiday. It took 20 years, but in the process, Greenville citizens formed new alliances and reinvigorated the democratic process in their community, finally winning official recognition of King's Birthday in 2005. The Working Group has a short preview of the new documentary, called **Holiday**, which you can watch <u>here</u>. As we continue filming for **Holiday**, we are planning to document several MLK celebrations around the country this weekend and next Monday. If there is something special



happening in your community, please <u>let us know</u>. If you would like to hold a screening or house party in honor of MLK Day or Black History Month (coming up in February), <u>contact us.</u>

NIOT Outreach Partners Convene San Francisco Conference on Anti Semitism Jan. 28

Jewish community leaders and their allies will gather for "Finding Our Voice," a conference about new forms of anti-Semitism and how to counter them. Held Saturday, January 28, at the Jewish Community High School of the Bay in



San Francisco. Registration is required: http://www.events.org/FindingOurVoice. For more information please call (415) 981-3500 or email FindingOurVoiceConference@gmail.com

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