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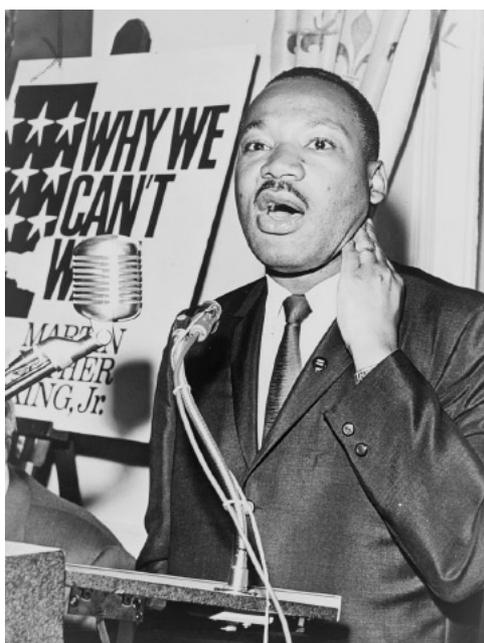
**A sneak peak of our upcoming Not In Our School video in Lancaster, Calif.**

## Embrace the Dream on MLK Day

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are excited to announce the release of a special DVD and study guide compiled in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, *Embracing the Dream*. Though this country is still realizing the dream Dr. King so eloquently articulated in 1963, this **collection of short films showcases communities that are staging peaceful responses to hatred today**. We hope that you will bring these inspiring stories to your lunchroom, classroom or living room on Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Now available for purchase. [More...](#)



Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Corvallis, Ore. unites after mosque arson

Within hours of a fire bomb at a local mosque, citizens gathered to proclaim that hate was not welcome in Corvallis, Ore.

Local police discovered the arson at the city's Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center on Nov. 28 and quickly responded. The fire destroyed an office, but ignited the community.

Just two days before, 19-year-old

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## NIOT Community

*The latest from the groups and members in the NIOT network:*

Eran Thompson of NIOT Billings visited Juneau, Ala. as the city embarks on creating a Not In Our Town coalition.

NIOT Billings hosted a Summit On Hate, bringing together the community to discuss solutions after a resurgence of violent acts.

Our newest NIOT group, NIOT Corvallis, were inspired by the original Billings story and formed in response to a mosque arson.

Member NIOT Redwood City shares an original song and music video, "[Stop the Hate](#)." The video brings together local youth, nonprofit Somewhere2turn and the Peapod Adobe Youth Voices Academy.

Concerned citizen and mother has launched group, [Not Even in Our Small Town](#), in Oklahoma City, Okla. Join her!

[Project Keshar](#) is continuing to spread the Not In Our Town model in numerous cities across the former Soviet Union.

*Stay tuned for more on these exciting developments.*



Flowers at the candlelight vigil in Corvallis, Ore. following mosque arson. Photo from NIOT-Corvallis Facebook page.

Mohamed Osman Mohamud—who attended the mosque while a student at Oregon State University—was arrested in Portland, Ore. for an alleged plot to set off a bomb during the tree-lighting ceremony in the state's most populous city. Local activists fear the Corvallis mosque bombing was retribution for the Portland incident.

Read the full story [here](#).

## Tennessee family loses a home, gains a community

In early September, the Stutte family was putting their lives together after their home in Vonore, Tenn. burned down, save a single wall on which an anti-gay slur was spray-painted.

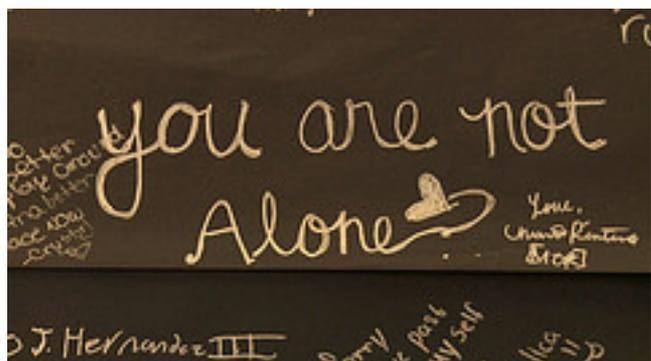
The community wasted no time rallying behind them, raising funds and awareness. The story of the Stuttes is really a story of how a small community came together to make a big difference, paving the way for change in eastern Tennessee.

Read the full story [here](#).



After the fire: The arson at the Stutte home resulted in a total loss. Photo courtesy of PFLAG Maryville.

## Slideshow: A sneak peak of our Lancaster footage



Lancaster students create a Wall of Hope

slideshow [here](#).

The Not In Our Town film crew had the pleasure of joining the city of Lancaster, Calif. during its Not In Our Town Anti-Bullying Week, a collaboration between the city and four primary and secondary school districts.

With a Not In Our School video in the works featuring Lancaster's homegrown program, we've pulled these frame grabs to offer you a sneak peak. See the

## NIOT in the News

Groups in the NIOT network have been making headlines

### ["No Fear in Corvallis Last Night"](#)

*Newsvine*, Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 1, 2010

### ["Candlelight vigil at firebombed mosque sends 'message to the world'"](#)

*GazetteTimes.com*, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 30, 2010

### ["Community plans peace vigil"](#)

*GazetteTimes.com*, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 30, 2010

### ["Summit on Hate"](#)

*KULR8*, Billings, Mt., Nov. 20, 2010

### ["Del Sur's True Leaders shed light on bullying"](#)

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*Antelope Valley Press*, Antelope Valley, Calif., Nov. 19, 2010

### ["Lancaster High Students Drown Out Bullying-Literally"](#)

*Fox LA*, Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 18, 2010

### ["Students wage anti-bully fight"](#)

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*Antelope Valley Press*, Antelope Valley, Calif., Nov. 16, 2010

### ["Marcelo Lucero Memorial Emphasizes Hope Over Hate"](#)

*Patchogue Patch*, Patchogue, N.Y., Nov. 8, 2010

### ["Memorial Service to Mark Second Anniversary of Lucero Murder"](#)

*Pathogue Patch*, Patchogue, N.Y., Nov. 5, 2010

### ["Not In Our Town!"](#)

*Antelope Valley Life*, Antelope Valley, Calif., Nov. 2010

*If your group has received local coverage, email us at [web@theworkinggroup.org](mailto:web@theworkinggroup.org).*

