

**NOT
IN OUR
TOWN**



This week, our camera crews are in Marshalltown, Iowa to cover a celebration of the city's Not In Our Town Campaign.

On Thursday, hundreds of residents will gather on the County Courthouse lawn for a lunch and rally. Mayor pro-tem Bethany Wirin will present a city proclamation supporting Not In Our Town. Executive Producer Patrice O'Neill will join residents and send greetings from the NIOT community.

[Rachel's Challenge](#), an anti-bullying program, will also be presented to student and community groups during the day. The organization was formed by Rachel Scott's father after she died in the Columbine massacre.

This week is part of a year-long anti-bullying campaign launched by the local newspaper, the [Times-Republican](#). The city has already hosted a Community Unity picnic and started an anti-bullying pledge campaign.

In September, Marshalltown's Orpheum Theater will feature [Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness](#) as part of its ongoing film series connected to the Marshalltown NIOT program.

Check our [Facebook page](#) and [NIOT.org](#) for pictures and updates from Marshalltown.

NIOT Coverage Video: Oak Creek, WI Gathers to Support their Neighbors After Hate Crime Killings at Sikh Temple



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We joined Oak Creek, WI for a vigil and funeral after the mass shootings at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. [In this short film](#), we witness the community coming together in the wake of tragedy. Thousands gather in the center of town to support the Sikh community. Mayor Steve Scaffidi, Police Chief John Edwards, and Amardeep Kaleka, son of the slain temple president, share prayers and hopes for peace and unity.



Recently on [NIOT Facebook](#):

[f](#) [Sojourners Magazine](#) is raising funds to put up these "[Love Your Neighbors](#)" billboards.

[f](#) Now on the [NIOT.org/map](#): Chris from Catawba County, NC posted his community's [rally for love, not hate](#), in the aftermath of a local pastor's controversial sermon.

[f](#) After a store begins selling demeaning and offensive t-shirts about actress Kristen Stewart, our friends at [The Bully Project](#) ask, Can the media and the general public be bullies?

Mother Spearheads Anti-Bullying Campaign in Paducah, KY



When Susan Guess of Paducah, KY learned that her 8-year-old daughter was being bullied by a classmate, she was devastated. Guess became increasingly concerned about her child and other children who suffer in silence. [Read more about Guess' anti-bullying campaign](#) and [see the pledges she wrote with local youth](#).

