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No Place for Hate[®] was developed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to empower people to challenge bigotry in their communities and schools. To become designated No Place for Hate[®], a community or school adopts a proclamation affirming a commitment to combating bias and fostering harmony, forms a committee to oversee the program and completes three community or school-wide programs that promote appreciation of diversity.

GOV. RENDELL ENDORSES *NO PLACE FOR HATE*[®] AND ENCOURAGES ENROLLMENT OF 100 NEW SCHOOLS ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA

At the beginning of this school year, Governor Ed Rendell announced his official endorsement of *No Place for Hate*[®] and challenged 100 new schools across Pennsylvania to participate in the program.

In a letter to Pennsylvania public school superintendents, Gov. Rendell expressed his concern over the prevalence of bias and bullying in schools, citing that one out of every three middle and high school students has been involved in a bullying incident. "We must work together to ensure that school is a safe place for *every* student in *every* community in our Commonwealth," he said, urging superintendents to implement *No Place for Hate*[®] in their school districts.

"It's important that Pennsylvania does all it can to ensure that our schools are free of bias, bullying and name-calling; serious detractors that often interfere with a student's ability to learn," Gov. Rendell said. "I am very optimistic that *No Place for Hate*[®] will be able to counter these destructive forces so students will be able to enjoy their education and become productive people in their communities."

Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, the Secretary of Education, sent a follow-up letter to schools, and the Department of Education connected interested schools with ADL. To date, over 150 schools across the state have expressed interest in participating, and over 80 are already implementing the program, hosting school-wide anti-bias/bullying events and activities. These schools represent a wide diversity of environments: including elementary, middle and high schools, both public and private, in rural, suburban, and urban settings.

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Recent No Place for Hate® activities in schools and communities....

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

On Sunday Oct. 8th, the greater Boyertown community, located 40 miles north of Philadelphia, held its 3rd Annual Unity Walk. Over 2,000 people marched in a display of community solidarity, peace, and unity. At the event, *No Place for Hate*® Project Director Pauline Garcia Allen designated the entire Boyertown Area School District as *No Place for Hate*®.

To earn its *No Place for Hate*® distinction, Boyertown planned activities that impacted all ten schools in the district, as well as the community at large. In addition to events like the Unity Walk, the school district organized a showing of the Walnut Street Theatre's civil rights play, "Martin and Malcolm: How Long Must We Wait?" for the community, created a school district diversity website, and coordinated a district-wide reading and discussion of Dr. Seuss's *The Sneetches*, an allegorical book about overcoming intolerance.



Boyertown School District students, parents, and community members march in 3rd Annual Unity Walk

Boyertown's tradition of holding a Unity Walk began in 2004 with 200 participants; since then, the event, designed to bring together the entire community around a universal message of respect, has continued to grow in size and visibility.

NORRISTOWN

On Thursday, Oct. 26th, Marshall Street Elementary School in Norristown held a school-wide *No Place for Hate*® kick-off celebration. Nearly 600 students, from grades K-5, gathered outside for the event, where they formed the words "No Place for Hate" with their bodies. Students sang diversity-themed songs and recited the *No Place for Hate*® pledge together. The day's events also included an anti-bullying workshop with Norristown police officers, who encouraged students to share their own experiences with bullying. The officers also discussed strategies for helping those who are bullied.

Marshall Street is one of eleven schools in the Norristown Area School District, which are all participating in *No Place for Hate*® for the first time this year.

BLOOMSBURG

The Bloomsburg Police Department was recently honored by the Civil Rights Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police for its work confronting prejudice and promoting civil rights in the community. Bloomsburg is a second year *No Place for Hate*® community located 100 miles north of Philadelphia, where the Police Department has been integral in implementing the program. Over the past two years, the Police Department has created a Community Tension Response Team and has hosted multiple Police- Minority- Community Relations seminars and police trainings to facilitate better communication and dialogue between police, the community, and minority populations.



NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS *NO PLACE FOR HATE*[®] TEAM

Angie McCole recently joined ADL as *No Place for Hate*[®] Project Coordinator. Angie is a 2006 graduate of Haverford College, where she majored in English and minored in sociology. While in college, she worked to spark dialogue about issues of diversity and prejudice on campus through her involvement with the Haverford Alliance for Diversity and Unity and the Ambassadors for Multicultural Awareness program. She is very excited to be working with *No Place for Hate*[®] and looks forward to seeing all the creative events schools and communities are planning.

If you have any questions about *No Place for Hate*[®], both Angie and Pauline Garcia Allen, Project Director, can be reached at (215)568-2223 or by email at noplaceforhate@adl.org.



Awards Dinner Chair Gwyn Parker and Project Director Pauline Garcia Allen look on as Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski speaks about the community becoming No Place for Hate[®]

ALLENTOWN TO BECOME *NO PLACE FOR HATE*[®]

Allentown, a community 50 miles north of Philadelphia, has begun the process of becoming *No Place for Hate*[®]. At the 29th Annual Human Relations Commission Awards dinner in October, Mayor Ed Pawlowski signed the *No Place for Hate*[®] Proclamation and then invited the rest of the community to sign, showing their commitment to reduce bias and celebrate diversity. Mayor Pawlowski emphasized Allentown's significant diversity as an asset, not an obstacle to be overcome.

At the dinner, which was themed "No Place for Hate in Allentown," the Human Relations Commission honored individuals and organizations that have done exemplary work in serving the community and fostering positive relations among diverse groups. The Commission sponsored a *No Place for Hate*[®] art contest, and displayed local children's entries. Pauline Garcia Allen gave the keynote address, speaking about the value and importance of creating safer, more inclusive environments where prejudice and hatred are not tolerated.

WELCOME NEW *NO PLACE FOR HATE*[®] SCHOOLS!

Below is a list of districts and dioceses across Pennsylvania that have one or more schools participating in *No Place for Hate*[®]... more are enrolling every day!

Public and Charter Schools	Fairview	Perseus House	Wellsboro*
Abington*	Franklin Area	Charter School	Wilmington Area
Antietam	Hazleton Area	Philadelphia	
Bermudian Springs*	Hatboro-Horsham	Pine Grove Area	Catholic Schools
Big Beaver Falls	Juniata Country	Pittsburgh	Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Big Spring	Lower Merion	Pottsgrove*	Diocese of Erie
Boyertown Area*	Manheim	Red Lion Area	Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Brockway Area	Mechanicsburg Area	Ringgold	
Centennial	Muhlenberg	Rose Tree Media*	
Colonial	Norristown*	Sharpsville Area	
Danville Area	North East	Sto-Rox	
East Penn	North Eastern York Township	Susquehanna	* Indicates full district participation
East Pennsboro	Oley Valley	Tulpehocken Area	

The *No Place for Hate*[®] Newsletter is seeking submissions!

- Essays, poetry, or other works by students around *No Place for Hate*[®] themes
- Information about the *No Place for Hate*[®] activities in your school or community. Please include photos!

Email submissions to noplaceforhate@adl.org

Web Resources

www.noplaceforhate.org - Learn more about No Place for Hate[®], download forms and the newsletter.

www.adl.org/education - Find anti-bias and anti-bullying lessons and resources.

www.adl.org/bibliography - Recommended multicultural books

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The Anti-Defamation League was launched in 1913 in response to rampant anti-Semitism and discrimination against Jews. Understanding that concepts of equity, justice, decency and democracy had to be applied to all Americans, the founders outlined ADL's mission in its charter, "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people...to secure justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike...to put an end forever to unjust and unfair discrimination against and ridicule of any sect or body of citizens."

