

# If we could end hatred.

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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 certified as 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.

May 3, 2006

## No Place for Hate® Day in Pennsylvania

Resolution 504, passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, officially designated May 3, 2006 as No Place for Hate® Day in Pennsylvania.

To mark the occasion, events celebrating diversity took place throughout the region that week, including:

- "Save Darfur: Rally to Stop Genocide" in Washington, D.C. on April 30th.
- No Place for Hate® Night at Citizens Bank Ball Park.
- Candle light vigils, guest speakers, essay contests and other special projects in communities and schools.
- Public service announcements and print ads.

On May 3rd, the Anti-Defamation League was joined by state legislators and students from Benjamin Rush Elementary School and Boyertown Junior High West for a presentation in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Harrisburg.

State Representative Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks), who hosted the event, presented the ADL with a special citation for the No Place for Hate® program. Likewise, State Representative Josh Shapiro (D-Montgomery) presented a citation for Abington's successful No Place for Hate® initiatives.

The Boyertown students gave presentations about the program in their school. Benjamin Rush students entertained with two beautiful songs, appropriately titled "Child of the World" and "I Can Make a Difference."



*No Place for Hate® Day Presentation in Harrisburg*

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**May 3, 2006**  
**No Place for Hate® Day**  
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## **Rally to Stop Genocide - April 30, 2006 -**

As part of the events leading up to No Place for Hate® Day, the ADL arranged for a delegation of volunteers from No Place for Hate® communities and schools and the greater ADL community to attend the rally in Washington D.C. to stop the genocide in Sudan, on April 30th. The rally was organized by the Save Darfur Coalition. A bus of 55 volunteers, clad in No Place for Hate® t-shirts, made the trek to the National Mall, joining thousands of people from across the country.

Since February 2003, the Sudanese government-backed militia known as Janjaweed has been engaging in a genocidal campaign to wipe out communities of African tribal farmers in Darfur, Sudan. More than 400,000 people have already died as a result. Although a peace accord was signed soon after the rally, the conflict in Darfur continues to worsen.



To learn more about the situation in Sudan and what you can do to help, please visit: [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org)

## **No Place for Hate® Night at Citizen's Bank Ball Park**

In celebration of No Place for Hate® Day, the Philadelphia Phillies donated tickets to No Place for Hate® communities, schools and college campuses. Sitting in their own section, ADL & No Place for Hate® were welcomed in messages appearing on digital screens around the sides of the stadium. Beautiful weather and a 5-4 victory over the Atlanta Braves made for a great night at the ballpark.

## **No Place for Hate® Day in Communities and Schools Across the Region**

Many thanks to all of the No Place for Hate® communities and schools across the region that implemented their own activities in the days leading up to and following May 3rd. They cannot all be listed here, but highlights include:

**Lansdowne:** May was No Place for Hate® Month at the public library in Lansdowne. In celebration of No Place for Hate® Day, the community held a peace vigil on the evening of May 3rd. In addition, they held a public viewing of the movie "Crash" at the library that Friday evening.

**Pottstown:** The community of Pottstown launched a public awareness campaign around No Place for Hate® Day, including the creation of a public service announcement which aired on local cable TV channels. Pottstown Community Partners distributed promotional materials throughout the community. In addition, activities took place through the school district, including a poster and essay contest in Pottstown elementary schools.

**Boyertown Area Senior High School:** On May 3rd, students at Boyertown Area Senior High heard the testimony of local Holocaust survivor, Severin Fayerman, who as a young man was interned in four concentration camps in Europe during World War II. Students asked Mr. Fayerman questions and focused on what they can do to end hatred in their school and community. Days before, the school unveiled a formal No Place for Hate® display in the school cafeteria. Students and faculty worked on the display for four months.



*Students & faculty at Boyertown Area Senior High School in front of No Place for Hate display.*



## Area Schools Designated as No Place for Hate®

This spring, 12 schools fulfilled the requirements to be officially designated as No Place for Hate®, completing a year of projects aimed at celebrating diversity and educating about bias and bullying.



Peer Leaders at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School, during the schools No Place for Hate® designation.

In special ceremonies throughout the spring, schools received banners to mark their achievements. Projects included guest speakers, student-made videos, murals, essay and poster contests, anthologies, library displays & reading lists, to name a few. In every school the ADL visited, there were visible signs of the program's message of harmony and respect for differences.

This spring marked the end of the first full year of the No Place for Hate® program in area schools. We continue to sign up new schools for the fall. To learn more about how your school can become No Place for Hate® call 215-568-2223 or visit [www.noplaceforhate.org](http://www.noplaceforhate.org)

## Penn State Abington to Become Region's First No Place for Hate® College Campus

This spring, Penn State Abington became the first college campus in our region to adopt the No Place for Hate® Proclamation, asserting a dedication to creating an inclusive campus environment and taking steps to become designated as No Place for Hate®.

The proclamation signing took place during the launch of the university's new Center for Intercultural leadership and Communication (CILC). CILC will provide services and resources to improve communication and leadership skills for individuals preparing to work in multicultural and multilingual communities."

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pedro Cortés, spoke at the event. While sharing his experiences coming to the United States from Puerto Rico, he stressed the importance of programs and resources that are inclusive of diverse populations. "By also being designated as a No Place for Hate® campus, the message is powerful....that we appreciate diversity and more than that, that we respect individuals. "

The first No Place for Hate® project undertaken by Penn State Abington was a faculty showing of "Crash." After, facilitators led a discussion about the movie.

## Community of Upper Pottsgrove To Become No Place for Hate®

Earlier in the year, the Upper Pottsgrove Board of Supervisors signed a resolution to begin the steps necessary to become designated as a No Place for Hate® community. During a township meeting, the Board voted unanimously to move forward with the program, publicly asserting their dedication that Upper Pottsgrove be inclusive of all people.



Barry Morrison, ADL Regional Director Dr. Karen Wiley Sandler, Penn State Abington Chancellor, Gary Calore, Chair of the Penn State Abington Faculty Senate, & Joanne Weaver Stroh, of Abington's No Place for Hate® committee sign the No Place for Hate® proclamation.

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In May the ADL unveiled the region's new No Place for Hate® website. The site has information on how to participate in the program. Users can now download forms and the latest newsletter. Over the coming months the ADL will continue to improve and add new features to the site.

Visit us at  
[www.noplaceforhate.org](http://www.noplaceforhate.org)

## No Place for Hate

"Our School...  
Is definitely more than cool!

Earl Elementary is No Place for Hate...  
And our system is working oh so great.

Why can't all schools be this way?  
You see this is what we're trying to say...

When we use kindness good things will show.  
But when we use hate; well you all know!

Disrespectfulness can hurt people and make them sad,  
But when we are friendly, everyone is glad!

What would happen if the world was hate free...?

Well if that was the case,  
the world would be an extremely peaceful place.

And we think we can make it that way...  
By working together each and every day!

Don't wait until it's too late...  
Keep Earl School, No Place for Hate!"

By: Brenna Eshbach &  
Devyn Heidelbaugh  
Students at Earl Elementary School

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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."

