

Support Your Local Community

When a hate crime or hate incident is committed – or when a hate group actively organizes in your community, it can leave many feeling isolated, uneasy, and fearful. It is important than ever that individuals across diverse communities continue to be vocal in their support. This section provides examples of ways that you can take action and support your local community.

Contact Local Media Outlets

Submit a letter to the editor or an opinion editorial to your local paper. This is a great opportunity to express the values of your community and condemn the hateful acts. Messages of support by fellow community members and public officials can go a long way in making a targeted community feel less alone.

Contact Local Community Organizations

Contact local community organizations directly. In the wake of hate crimes and hate incidents, expressing support for local community organizations is significant. In the wake of the implementation of the Muslim Ban, communities across the country visited their neighborhood mosques to express their support. When Jewish Community Centers were the targets of bomb threats, communities came together, denounced hate, and supported their fellow community members.

Host a Community Service Activity

When Jewish cemeteries were targeted and vandalized, community members raised funds and helped restore the dignity of the burial grounds. When a neighbor's garage was vandalized with messages of hate, neighbors painted over the garage with messages of love and inclusion. Hate wins when it divides our communities. A powerful way to demonstrate our strength is by giving back to our communities.

