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Religious Vandalism on the Rise

BiasHELP, Inc., an anti-bias agency on Long Island, is deeply concerned by recent reports of religious vandalism/ hate crimes at various locations on Long Island. Newsday has reported that swastikas have been found in several locations in Nassau County. According to police, there have been a total of six religious vandalism incidents in Nassau County since December 27th. **BiasHELP** is outraged by these acts of religious vandalism, and is more than aware that anti-Semitism and all forms of anti-religious violence are still very much an active challenge for the Long Island community. We call on community leaders to redouble their efforts in promoting diversity and genuine tolerance.

BiasHELP has worked with families who have been on both sides of hate crime incidents. We provide **targeted Hate Crime Workshops** for youth and families who have been affected by bullying, vandalism and bias attacks (whether perpetrator or victim) on Long Island.

BiasHELP is dedicated to preventing and addressing discrimination, harassment, violence and bullying. **BiasHELP** provides focused initiatives that include workshops, staff development trainings, and technical assistance for individuals, schools, and organizations on topics such as hate-crimes, homophobia, stereotyping, bullying/technobullying, and discrimination. Additionally, **BiasHELP** created the nationally recognized **Mirror Images Diversity Training Education DVD Series** that is used as a diversity training tool in classrooms and by HR professionals across the U.S. For more information on **BiasHELP's** anti-bias programming and efforts, including **Mirror Images**, please visit www.biashelp.org, www.mirrorimagesdvd.com or call our toll free number at 877-END-BIAS (363-2427).