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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 27<sup>th</sup>. **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](http://www.biashelp.org), [www.mirrorimagesdvd.com](http://www.mirrorimagesdvd.com) or call our toll free number at 877-END-BIAS (363-2427).