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Letter to the Editor
BY FAX

RALLY AGAINST HATRED

Every day eight blacks, three whites, three gays, three Jews and one Latino become hate crime victims. The suburbs are not immune from hate crimes. Since 1996, DuPage County has witnessed an increase in hate crimes: Mosque windows broken by slabs of concrete and bottles, vandalism of a Vietnamese parish, a swastika and a racial slur painted on an interracial couple's home, racial slurs against African Americans and Hispanics and references to the KKK sprayed on picnic tables, walkways and a gazebo in a park are only a few incidents.

The DuPage County Unity Coalition is taking a stance against hate crime and invites everyone to attend a RALLY AGAINST HATRED. The DuPage County Unity Coalition is an umbrella organization whose members belong to more than 21 religious, labor, and political groups throughout DuPage County. Their purpose is to make the people of this community know that the DuPage County Unity Coalition is here, united and that there are many people in DuPage County who will not tolerate hate crimes.

Do your part in fighting hate crime and attend the DuPage County Unity Coalition's RALLY AGAINST HATRED, on April 4, 2000, the 32nd anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. The rally will be held at the Geneva Road Baptist Church, 602 Geneva Road from 7:00-9:00 P.M. The evening will be filled with inspirational music, poetry, story telling, a children's program and a key note address by Shoshana Buchholz-Miller of the Anti-Defamation League.

Come, bring your family and friends and speak out against hate. For more information visit the www.pia2000.com or call 630-858-8472.

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