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SevenDays® is about teaching kindness — and with the events of the last several days in our own community— we clearly have a lot of work left to do.

First, vandalism — including both racial and antisemitic slurs — was discovered at a southern Overland Park high school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16. Now the same kind of hateful messaging has taken place at Bishop Miege High School, a Catholic educational institution in Roeland Park.

Law enforcement authorities along with school officials are hard at work to find who committed these hurtful and damaging acts. We support their efforts to find the perpetrators. What those perpetrators need most is education to understand why their words and deeds are so destructive and how they can make change in a positive way.

Such hateful acts have no place in a world that should be built on kindness and inclusion, as King himself taught.

At SevenDays®, we work to overcome hate by teaching kindness through education and dialogue. With a diverse board of directors comprised of people of various ages, races, faiths, ethnicities and genders, we are mindful of the many ways in which diversity in any group is a source of strength.

SevenDays® provides K-12 many free resources on how to practice kindness and embrace the diversity that is our Kansas City community. Our Kindness Youth Leadership Team – comprised of students from area public, private and parochial high schools – helps share these resources at their own schools.

You can be a ripple of kindness today. Our website, [SevenDays.org](http://SevenDays.org), offers many ideas. TOGETHER — we shall overcome hate with kindness.

FROM: SevenDays® President Mindy Corporon and the Board of Directors