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## One Human Family to Distribute Signs and Flyers for a Welcoming Community

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"It is time for us to step up our game," says One Human Family QCA co-founder, Rev. Rich Hendricks of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities. "Too many of our neighbors have been burdened with messages of hate from white supremacists. That's not who we are as Quad Citians, so we want to offer a way for people to show their support for a loving, inclusive and diverse community." White supremacist flyers have shown up in Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline and Rock Island again earlier this month.

Co-founder of One Human Family QCA, Rabbi Henry Karp, says: "The mission statement of One Human Family QCA charges us 'to welcome and protect...all people in all places in our community.' It was with that in mind that we initiated our Welcome Neighbor Yard Sign Project. Our dream is to be able to go anywhere in the Quad Cities and see these signs displayed in front of so many homes, businesses, and institutions that no one could ever doubt how very welcoming a community we are."

The signs are available for a suggested \$10 donation to One Human Family QCA, Inc. and can be picked up at St. John's Lutheran Church (4501 7th Ave, Rock Island), Trinity Lutheran Church (1330 13th St, Moline) on the Illinois side of the Mississippi and at SIS International Fair Trade Store (108 E 2nd St, Davenport), Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities (2930 W Locust, Davenport), St. Peter's Episcopal Church (2400 Middle Rd, Bettendorf), and the Catholic Diocese of Davenport (780 W Central Park Ave, Davenport) on the Iowa side. Additional points of distribution are also needed.

"We are also having a contest for a neighborhood with the most signs," says Rev. Hendricks, who is personally offering a prize of twelve bottles of assorted wines to the most sign-decorated neighborhood. Residents can send their picture to <u>info@onehumanfamilyqca.org</u>. One Human Family is planning to go door-to-door to with signs and flyers in a couple of neighborhoods, soon. To make that happen, we need volunteers and people willing to donate money for signs for those not able to pay for them. Please let us know your interest by emailing us at <u>info@onehumanfamilyqca.org</u>.

For more information, contact Rabbi Henry Karp at 563.505.8823 or Rev. Rich Hendricks at 563.940.9630

See sign below and flyer attached.

No importa quién eres o de dónde es que estamos muy contentos con su prójimo.

No matter who you are or where you're from we're glad you're our neighbor.

