



# The AATA's Response to the Violence and Discrimination in Charlottesville

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The AATA extends its condolences to members of the Charlottesville community following the abhorrent acts of senseless violence and racism that took place during the weekend of Aug. 12. Our hearts go out to the victims and families of Heather Heyer, Lieutenant, H. Jay Cullen, and Trooper-Pilot, Berke M. M. Bates who died and the dozens who were injured as well as to the nation – all are impacted by these devastating events. Consistent with AATA's [core values](#) of inclusivity and social justice, the AATA rejects any and all emboldened racism across the country. As the community confronts the injustice of discrimination, the AATA would like to share the following resources:

- The AATA's [Chapter Emergency Trauma Recovery Guide: Providing Art Therapy Services Following Natural and Man-made Disasters](#) that was created to offer support in the event of terrorism and other disasters. This includes a special [Trauma Recovery-Art Therapy Program Fund](#) to support a victimized community.
- Citizenship & Social Justice – [Curriculum for White Americans to Educate Themselves on Race and Racism—from Ferguson to Charleston](#)
- The Washington Post – [The first thing teachers should do when school starts is talk about hatred in America. Here's help.](#)
- The Human Rights Campaign – [What to Do If You've Been The Victim of a Hate Crime](#)
- Southern Poverty Law Center – [Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide](#)

