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So to start off by answering your question, "What things have I done to drive out hate?" Well one thing I've done to get rid of hate is to be accepting of everyone no matter what. I was raised to not to judge people and be accepting of them even if they are different than me, and that is one thing my painting reflects upon. It reflects upon this concept by the positioning of the hands. The hands are holding each other and look as if they are supporting each other to depict and/or show they are accepting of each other even though they are different. There are several other examples of symbolism that depict this theme of hatred and how to prevent it. Now to finish explaining my piece, second is the color of red behind the hands to depict blood due to hatred. Also the hands represent the different races of the world. The heart represents sexuality. And the hands and heart pull the piece together by showing acceptance toward two of many hatred issues. Also by showing love can only happen if we learn to accept everyone by their race, religion, sexuality, personality etc. Because we all may be different but we are all the same in at least one way, we are all humans. This leads me to the last part of my piece, the names. The names are victims of the Orlando club shooting, police officers killed in the Dallas police shooting, and unarmed victims of police brutality. Lastly, the color behind the names highlight them to show that all of their lives mattered no matter how different. The colors also support that they may mostly be different but they are all humans killed because of hatred. To end on a side note, this all just goes to show we must accept each other whether it's someone's race, where they come from, religion, etc., we must start the love and stop the hate.



Driving out Hate

