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## WRHS: New Exhibit Explores History of Racism, Courage to Change

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CLEVELAND --The exhibit "Choosing To Participate" opens to the public Thursday (Oct. 22) at the Western Reserve Historical Society in University Circle.

This WRHS exhibit delves into the painful history of racism and oppression in this country and around the world.

It also explores the courage people have shown to fight injustice and make a difference.

The non-profit organization Facing History and Ourselves created the multimedia exhibit that has traveled to Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Boston.

It will be in Cleveland through Feb. 26. This exhibit also features 25 Cleveland-area "upstanders." They are groups and individuals who have made a difference.

Among those upstanders are two local high schools -- Shaw High School and Lakewood High School.

Shaw worked on a project to stop bullying in a local elementary school. Lakewood High students took on the issue of racial tension in their school and community.

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