

# Racist N-word scrawled on Boston homeowner's fence...Help fund replacement?

Children's author, fellow Cornell alum and friend Irene Smalls, who lives in Boston, writes:



Sometime yesterday someone scrawled on the side of my house "Every nigger is a star." I was stunned. I have lived in my neighborhood in downtown Boston for 38 years without incident. Now, someone is perpetrating a silent assault against me personally and my property with the "n word." I don't know if it was a prank or a threat. Either way I get a chill entering my front door each day now. I feel violated and ignored at the same time. Who ever did this does not know I write books for all children or that I volunteer in the community. I am raising money to demolish the offensive fence and put security cameras around my property. I am preparing. My hope is this will never happen again but I am getting ready in case this racist message was real. I will not be forced out of my neighborhood by hoods or threat of harm.

Please help Irene fund her "go fund me" campaign to replace the fence?

<http://www.gofundme.com/rq857g> .

Thanks!

—Anita M. Harris

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