



Students throughout the District are learning about character building through a weekly series of character-building lessons. Each lesson provides a **Home Link** and a **Community Link** to reinforce the daily classroom lesson. The **Home Link** is designed to foster meaningful communication among family members.

The *Community Link* is a proactive tool designed to heighten good character awareness and promote socially responsible behavior in the community. Each week focuses on the character quality presented in our elementary schools and provides ideas for your consideration.

The Community Link

This week, our students are focusing on the quality of **CARING**. They are learning about:

- Organizations that help support people in the time of need.
- Ways to show caring towards others.
- Words that describe a caring person.

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

CARING

means being supportive and responsive to the needs of others with kindness and compassion.

Consider using this Community Link with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

What You Can Do!

- Help our youth understand that a caring act, regardless how small, is better than the biggest and best intention.
- Think of at least one example of how you show caring in the following areas of life: at home, at work, in the community, in relationships, with the less fortunate.
- Food for thought: Is your organization charitable toward the community? Consider having your group plan one event within the next twelve months that will benefit others.
- Make a point of saying “hello” to at least one person that you regularly come into contact with, but whom you have never spoken to before (i.e., checkout clerk, bank teller, toll booth operator, mail man.)
- Integrate the principle of **CARING** in your organization as often as possible.