



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 **SHARING**. They are learning about:

- The value of sharing time with others.
- How sharing demonstrates caring.
- The importance of sharing their unique talents.

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

SHARING

means giving someone a portion of your time, talents, or possessions.

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

What You Can Do!

- Help the youth of the community understand the importance of sharing their time, talents and possessions with others.
- Share time with someone you care about! Even sharing something as simple as a smile can make someone's day. Share a smile whenever you can. Consider sharing the following quote by James Barrie (the author of Peter Pan) with a coworker: "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves."
- This week, take the opportunity to share in one of the following ways: Donate to a local charity; volunteer for a cause close to your heart; teach someone a skill that you have, or; give of your time to someone who needs it.
- Food for thought: Does your organization provide ways for its members to share what they have with others? Has your group ever sponsored a charity, organized a blood drive, or encouraged participation in a community mentorship program?
- Integrate the principle of SHARING in your organization as often as possible.