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Building Communities of Character

Generosity (vs. stinginess)

I can think of no other time of the year that brings out the best of people than right now at Christmastime. There is something about this season that reveals the goodness of mankind.

We participate in gift giving to people we don't know, sometimes even across national borders. However, the kindness doesn't stop there. By definition, generosity is a willingness to give money, help, or time freely. Somehow, during Christmastime we find ourselves doing just that... giving in ways uncommon.

Kindness of this caliber is considered as "nobility of character."

That brings us right into the heart of what good character is all about. Noble character is behaving according to a moral code. Our moral code is made up of our values and beliefs. So generosity as a noble character trait begins on the inside and is con-

veyed in our actions. It exemplifies our principles.



We happen to live in an area that has a strong economy... yet many around us have been shaken by our world economic situation and the failures of financial institutions. This alone gives us ample opportunity to be generous in unusual ways.

Look around to see the

opportunities. Buy an extra gift. Talk to neighbors. Visit homes. Share a meal. Volunteer at a food bank.

In whatever manner you choose this Christmas season, be generous and let your light of "noble character" shine through!



Share what I have with others

Not expect anything in return for my generosity

Be content with what I have

Praise the good I see in others



Visions of Character

"I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is character!"
Teddy Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States

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The mission of Prattville-Autauga Character Coalition is to strengthen our communities by promoting excellence in character for each citizen.