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Monthly Character e-Bulletin

Building Communities of Character

Availability (vs. Self-Centeredness)

Happy New Year!

In 2008 there are many ways that we can make ourselves available to others...

Sometimes it may be stopping what we are doing to actually look at the person to whom we are "listening". Many times it may mean rearranging our schedule to allow an interruption or being flexible enough to change plans according to a customer's needs. Other times it may simply mean having a heart that is ready to serve or to give to another person.

In what ever fashion availability may look to you, you can be assured that practicing this character trait builds relationships and good will between



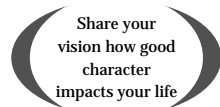
Soldier with a child

people and is beneficial to building "community".

Visions of "Availability" QUOTE of the month...

Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.

- Gillian Anderson



What is Character?

Character is the expression of our decisions that we make on a daily basis; those distinctive qualities that determine our responses to situations, especially when we think no one else is watching

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Availability in the form of excellence may look like...

- An employee that schedules personal appointments during hours that are best for their employer
- A child that completes their chores before engaging in personal "free" time
- A boss that takes appropriate time for their employees
- A parent that stops or slows down enough to hear their child

Our Mission

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