



**Expect Respect Character Trait:
Generosity**

Focus for December: Giving Back

HOME CONNECTION

Random Acts of Kindness Challenge	Present everyone in the school with a calendar for the month with random acts of kindness for each day of the month. Connect last month's character trait kindness to generosity. Challenge staff and students to do as many of the random acts of kindness as they can within the month.
Lending A Helping Hand	<p>Introduce ideas and opportunities for your children to give time, contribute money, or donate personal items. You might, for example, suggest they visit an elderly neighbor who can't get out much anymore, choose a charity to support, or give some of their less-used clothes to a community shelter for women and children.</p> <p>Talk with them about ways they would want to give back: find activities that are aligned with their interests. For example, if your child loves animals, volunteering time or giving support to an animal shelter might be a good choice. Children are more likely to be sincere in their helping efforts when they personally care about the cause.</p>
Personal Stories of Charity	Another way of teaching your children to become generous involves your sharing parts of yourself with them. You can tell stories about your life, especially those involving times when you were charitable. Or if you were ever the recipient of aid, you can talk about what it meant to you to receive a helping hand when you needed it. By sharing your history, you not only serve as a role model, but you also let your children know you more fully as a person.

