



# BUILDING CHARACTER

Carroll County Public Schools



To our CCPS Community,

This month's character traits are **HELPFULNESS** and **SERVICE**. As we approach the holidays, what better way to celebrate the season of giving than to give of one's time and energy. The economy may be on the downswing and presents may not be as plentiful, but the gift of your time will cost you nothing and you will receive a much better return than from the current bullish stock market!

Helen Gahagan Douglas reminds us, "Character isn't inherited. One builds it daily by the way one thinks and acts, thought by thought, action by action."



Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

### Francis Scott Key High School Students Serving Others

- ★ National Honor Society tutoring students after school
- ★ Peer Facilitators mediating peer relationship issues
- ★ Mentors volunteering in other Northwest region schools



Check out these websites and begin helping others!

- [www.helpothers.org](http://www.helpothers.org)
- [www.shareyourself.org](http://www.shareyourself.org)
- [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)
- [www.bestbuddies.org/volunteering](http://www.bestbuddies.org/volunteering)
- [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org)



### What Others Have Said . . .

Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm.

~ Elizabeth Fuller, author

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

~ Mae Maloo

Help thy brother's boat across, and Lo! Thine has reached the shore.

~ Hindi Proverb

Use power to help people. For we are given power not to advance our own purposes nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power and it is to serve people.

~ George H. W. Bush

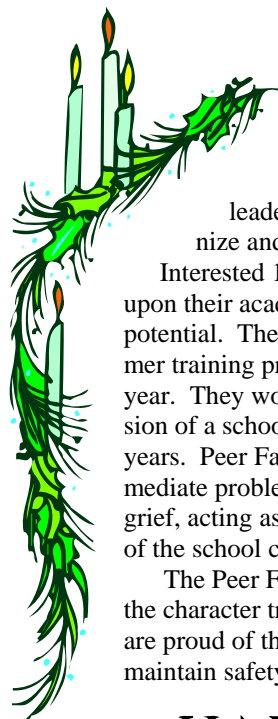


### PEER FACILITATORS

Each Carroll County High School has a Peer Facilitator Program that is designed to develop leadership skills in students which permits them to recognize and intervene in problems identified in their schools.

Interested 10th grade students are interviewed and selected based upon their academic achievement, emotional maturity, and leadership potential. The Peer Facilitators must complete a 2-day intensive summer training program as well as refresher trainings during the school year. They work in the School Counseling Office under the supervision of a school counselor for one semester of their junior and senior years. Peer Facilitators are instrumental in working with students to mediate problems, providing comfort and consolation in times of grief, acting as student advocates, and assisting with the daily function of the school counseling department.

The Peer Facilitators of Carroll County Public Schools exemplify the character traits of **HELPFULNESS** and **SERVICE**. We are proud of the important job that they do to help maintain safety and order in our high schools!



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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