



# Parents Make a Difference

## December's Character Trait: *CARING*

This page includes ideas for building and reinforcing positive character in your child. Parents set the tone and lead by example. Parents *do* make a difference. Take advantage of your influence and spend time with your children talking about the character traits you value and look for in others.



Gameboy Advance SP: \$79

Bratz Rock Angels: \$29

Digital Camera with 5.0 mega pixels: \$259

Time spent listening and showing genuine concern for one another...priceless.

This holiday season consider acts of caring and kindness for your gift list.



Be a family that **cares**:

- ♥ Reach out to a neighbor that you don't know very well.
- ♥ Feed the birds.
- ♥ Return your shopping cart to the appropriate place.
- ♥ Drop off a holiday plant or plate of cookies at a local fire station.
- ♥ Anonymously give a gift card to a family in need.
- ♥ Let the person behind you in line at the grocery store go ahead of you.
- ♥ Write thank you notes to people whose service you appreciate, such as the newspaper or mail carrier, bus driver, school custodian, garbage collector, grocery store cashier, etc.
- ♥ When someone is trying to merge into your lane in traffic, let him in...and just maybe even smile and wave.
- ♥ Cheer up someone who is having a bad day.
- ♥ Share your smiles generously.



"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." ~William Shakespeare