



*that's what we're made of*

## Character Counts

### Caring

#### Who Cares?

*A caring person is a bright spot in a sometimes grim world where crime, anger, fear, hunger and loneliness have pushed even well-meaning people into isolation.*

*We've moved, as a society, from the front porch to the back yard. We've gone from social visits to video games and the VCR. It's as if we're so overwhelmed by the needs around us that we've built invisible walls, blocked our vision of other*

#### Club Activity

*Every time you interact with another person ask yourself, "Will I behave in a caring way?"*

*Make a once-and-for-all decision to be an ethical, mature, caring person, regardless of who crosses your path. It's easier to care for some people than for others.*

*Let's represent people who are hard to like with this hard old golf ball.*

*Form a circle on the floor. When the golf ball is tossed to you, name something that makes people hard to like. (Be gentle when you toss it around.)*

*Ethical people, good people, are caring people!*

*people's problems, and focused on ourselves.*

*It's different with ethical people.*

*They care. Caring is at the heart of an ethical person's character. It's a guideline for how an ethical person relates to the world and its people.*

*A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. A caring person always takes into account how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people.*



The Golden Rule

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" translates the general principle of caring and concern and encourages people to maximize the good and minimize the harm done to others.

☺ Show you care about others through kindness, caring, generosity and compassion.

☺ Live by the Golden Rule . . . treating others the way you want them to treat you.

☺ Think how every decision, word or action will impact every person.

#### Clover Connection

**Head** - Think about how you treat others.

**Heart** - Enjoy that warm feeling you get by helping others.

**Hands** - Do something nice for someone else.

**Health** - Show someone you care by fixing them a healthy snack.