

And so, my fellow AMERICANS, ask not what your country CAN DO for YOU

> - ask what YOU CAN DO for YOUR COUNTRY.

My fellow CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, ask not what AMERICA CAN DO for you,

> - but WE TOGETHER WILL DO for the **FREEDOM** of MAN.





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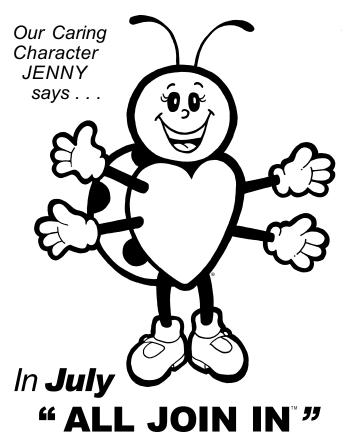
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All work is as seed sown; it grows and spreads, and sows itself anew.

- THOMAS CARLYLE



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SUMMER PLANNER

IN JULY

Become

INVOLVED

...Inside...

ROOM/GROUP



activities & games for you & your family to do together!

HAVE FUN!



Quotes " to GET YOU **INVOLVED!**

DON'T FORGET . . .

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"PATRIOT RED" < CARING COLOR · HEALTH FOCUS > "HYGIENE & CLEANLINESS"

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In JULY

in **July** and all year round!

the dotted lines to make your DISPLAY KIT for July. Use this area to glue tent together. You will have a 2-SIDED DOOR KNOB HANGER, ROUND BUTTON (or adhere to magnet), BOOKMARK & a 3-PANEL TABLE (or DESK) TENT!

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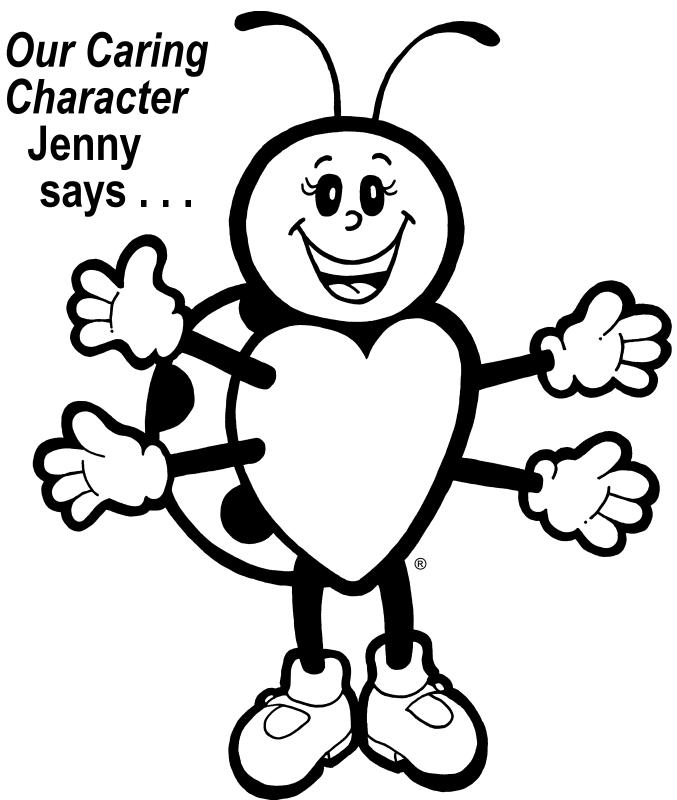
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In July 44 ALL JOIN IN! "

If you could be a "super hero," who would you be? Why? Create your own "Caring Character." Give 'em a name and write a story about their adventures. Have fun!

You Do The Math . . .

GOALS

+ EDUCATION

SUCCESS!

GOALS	
List your goals for July here.	59
1 I will become involved!	check off as achieved
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In July and all year round . . .



There are many community groups that need your help. Our founding fathers made a commitment to become involved. Follow their lead; give of yourself!



July's Health Focus is HYGIENE and CLEANLINESS Take advantage of free time in July to clean up your surroundings.
Clean your room. Help your parents wash the car. Spend extra time on personal hygiene.

July's Caring Color is

PATRIOT RED

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

– AUTHOR UNKNOWN Drop a stone into the water
In a moment it is gone,
Yet there are a hundred ripples
Circling on and on.

Say an unkind word this moment, In a moment it is gone, Yet there are a hundred ripples Circling on and on.

Say a word of cheer and splendor In a moment it is gone, Yet there are a hundred ripples Circling on and on.

Clip the poster (inside front cover) and display for the month of July. Turn to inside back cover and cut your (display items. "Become Involved[©]" and have fun too!







Independence Day

Did you "Become Involved®" this week?

6 If you are too busy to help those around you

. . . you're too busy!

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



The books listed below are good summer reads with a "become involved" theme too. Read one or read them all.

YOUNG ADULTS - Grades 4-8

The Blossoms Meet the Vulture Lady by Betsy Byars, Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1987. The irrepressible Blossom family is back in another unforgettable adventure that could only happen to them. Junior accidentally catches himself in his own coyote trap and is rescued by a woman the kids call "Mad Mary".

Come Back, Salmon: How a Group of Dedicated Kids Adopted Pigeon Creek and Brought It Back To Life by Mollie Cone, Photographs by Sidnee Wheelwright Sierra Club Books for Children, 1992. This true story describes how the children of Jackson Elementary School in Everett, Washington took on and successfully completed the challenge to clean-up a nearby stream, stocking it with salmon and preserving a place where salmon could return to spawn.

The Disappearing Staircase Mystery *created by Gertrude Chandler Warner, illustrated by Hodges Soileau A. Whitman, 200, Series: The Boxcar Children.* In this addition to the popular series, the Alden children volunteer to help fix up an old house for some senior citizens.

PRIMARY READERS - Grades K-3

The Babe and I by David A. Adler, Harcourt Brace, 1999. Set in 1932 during the Great Depression, a young boy gets a dime instead of a bicycle for his birthday and learns his father is selling apples on the street. A fan of the great Babe Ruth, the boy begins selling papers outside Yankee Stadium, shouting the latest exploits of the Yankee star. Then the Babe himself buys one of his papers, making the boy aware of his own part in his family team.

Chicken Soup for Little Souls: The Braid Girl by Lisa McCourt, Health Communications, 1998. When Izzy goes with her grandmother to help at a shelter for the homeless, Izzy notices Susan, a girl about her own age, with ragged-looking braids. Izzy tries to help her with toys, food and clothes, but is hesitant to become friends, fearing she will be thought to be one of the shelter's residents. When Susan uses the colorful laces of her new shoes to make a gift for Izzy, and both girls learn a lesson in friendship and helping.

TRY THESE FUN ACTIVITIES



Brainstorm with your friends a list of people who could use cheering up and create artwork to make their day brighter.

Contact your local "Meals-on-Wheels" organization and volunteer to bake cookies or make favors for their meal recipients. You could also volunteer with a local soup kitchen.



Walk down the street today and think positive thoughts about your neighbors. Is there a neighbor that needs your help?

Add something better to each of your interactions today, even if it's just a smile!







Save your family's magazines. Offer them to hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins or anyone else you think may enjoy them. While there, see what other volunteer work is needed and sign up to help.

Make friends with a senior citizen who needs a daily visitor to brighten their day. Make a list of activities you and your senior friend can enjoy together.

Work with your friends to develop a neighborhood summer camp. Have parents volunteer to supervise one day, and they'll have free babysitting on the other days!



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Review your goals for July.
How did you do?
Did you "Become Involved?"
How or why not?





You must get involved to make an impact.

No one is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee. - JOHN H. HOLCOMB, The Militant Moderate

Journal Prompts... My Thoughts...

Explain either of these quotes:

"The miracle is this —the more we share, the more we have." or

"A community is like a ship; everyone should be prepared to take the helm."



YOUNG ADULTS Grades 4-8

The Summer of Mrs. MacGregor by Betty Ren Wright, Holiday House, 1986. When Caroline's much admired older sister is stricken with a serious illness, her mother pays Caroline little attention. In her loneliness, Caroline meets the glamorous and mysterious "Mrs. MacGregor" who is visiting for the summer. Caroline quickly suspects that her new friend is not to be trusted in this fast-moving story.

Where Have All the Flowers Gone? The Diary of Molly Mackenzie Flaherty by Ellen Emerson White, Scholastic, 2002, Series: Dear America. Set in Boston during 1968 with a background detailing the deaths of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., hippies, the civil rights and women's movements, this companion to The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, finds Patrick's teenage sister facing some hard choices. Molly has mixed feelings about the war in Vietnam, but is afraid this may be a betrayal of her brother. Volunteering at a VA Hospital against her parents wishes, Molly sees first-hand what could happen to her brother.

The Year Mom Won the Pennant by Matt Christopher, Little, Brown, 1968. When all the fathers of the boys on the team are unable to volunteer to be the coach, one of the mothers steps forward with surprising results.

OLDER READERS, YOUNG ADULTS & ADULTS

Increasing Neighborhood Service: Opportunities to Volunteer *by Bernard Ryan, Ferguson Publishing Co., 1998.* This is an introduction to many different kinds of community service from animal care to health care to literacy with information about the demands and rewards of the work.

One Nation: America Remembers September 11 Little, Brown, 2001. Introduced by New York mayor Guiliani, this is a collection powerful and moving photographs Life magazine's editors have chosen to chronicle the events of the September 11 terrorist attacks and the aftermath, including stories of the survivors and family members of those who were lost.

ALL READERS

Join the Golden Rule Revolution* by Elaine Parke; Illustrated by Darlene Patrick, Caring Media International, 2001. More nourishing than chicken soup. This book is a refreshing year-round recipe of heart warming daily inspirations, poems and action tips —all organized into lively monthly themes— that transform Golden Rule Habits into happiness. See Chapter 7 – July - Become Involved for daily teacher / classroom / family reading. *WARNING! This book is habit-forming. *May cause a happier life.



ADOPT A NEW CHORE to help your family keep your house tidy and clean. Help with the dishes, the laundry, vacuum, or dust. Every little bit helps to keep your home clean and you and your family healthy!



MY THOUGHTS.

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It is by Believing, Hoping, Loving and Doing that one finds Toy and Peace.

-JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING

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WORDS-2-LEARN	Activi
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Divide the	Character	Education	Words	listed	below	into	syllable

Activism Ac tiv	v ism Cooperation	
Kindness	Participation	
Philanthropic	Volunteer	

Log on and check your answers! www.caringhabits.org

It's JULY, Become	
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Spend time looking through the newspaper for community projects. Volunteer to help with a project of your choosing.

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Organize a neighborhood block party! Invite neighbors to get out their grills and bring a covered dish to share with their neighbors. Suggest every home on the block plan one game or activity booth (pop balloons with darts, dime toss into glasses no longer wanted, etc.). Donate all money raised to the community library or another worthwhile organization.

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Set up a lemonade stand with some friends. Donate the profits to a community organization such as the Humane Society, the library, etc.

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Spend a few minutes reflecting on how you will make a caring difference!

... MY THOUGHTS ..

? What are some of your excuses for not "Becoming Involved?" 🖋

? How do you feel when you "Become Involved?" Explain.

? What may have happened if our forefathers had not

"Become Involved" in the pursuit of freedom and liberty?

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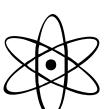
Only 17 more days to "Become Involved."





Clean up your room!

Donate outgrown clothing to relatives, a neighbor, or the Goodwill. Find a new home for old toys you no longer enjoy. Dust and vacuum your room with your parents help.



SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

MAKE INDOOR FIREWORKS!

Buy a pack of "wint-o-green" lifesavers for each member of the group. Pile into a closet and close the door. Chew lifesavers (with your mouth open) and watch the sparks fly! You are watching what is called "triboluminescence."

BECOME INVOLVED®

CHOOSE A WORD -2-LEARN

Choose a Word-To-Learn from the Alphabetizing Quiz on the previous page (bottom of right page). Look up the definition and write it in the space below. Draw a picture to illustrate the Word-To-Learn.

ORD-TO-LEARN:	
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Journal Prompts:

Write a story, rap song, or poem using the Words-To-Learn.

What kind of "charity" do you have in your heart today? Why?

List your "Top 5" ways to "Become Involved."





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SO PROUD OF YOU!

66 We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there. 77

- CHARLES F. KETTERING, "Seed for Thought"

GET INVOLVED IN A CARING COMMUNITY

Get familiar with your neighborhood – take a "quarter journey." Walk to a street corner, flip a quarter – if it's heads, turn left – if it's tails, turn right. Continue this procedure at each corner and see where you end up. Be sure to look at your surroundings as you walk.

BOOK LIST

for July

lave your group develop a Welcome to the Community" acket to be used when someme new moves in. Include: somemade map of the area, important phone numbers, prochures of local interest, incormation on the library, list of avorite eating places,



PRIMARY READERS - Grades K-3

Improve your

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family. Look for s o m e t h i n g around the house

that needs im-

proving. Then

work together to get the job done.

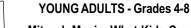
(Clean the basement, or attic;

paint a room;

clean-up a room)

Turtle Tracks by Sally Harman Plowden. Palmetto Conservation. 2001. While vacationing at the seashore, a young girl joins a group of volunteers watching newly-hatched sea turtles make their dangerous first journey to the ocean. Filled with facts and beautiful artwork as well as a sensitive story of an endangered creature, the book also provides a list of Wildlife Agencies along the east coast.

Volunteering by Amanda Rondeau, ABDO Publications, 2003, Series: United We Stand This is a brief introduction for young readers to different ways volunteers can help make a difference for other people.



Mitzvah Magic: What Kids Can Do to Change the World

by Danny Siegel, Kar-Ben Pub., 2002. Mitzvah means "commandment" in Hebrew, but traditionally refers to an act of kindness. This book is packed with inspiring and personal stories that show young people how to make a difference in the world.

Starring Rosie by Patricia Reilly Giff, Puffin, 1998, Series: Ballet Slippers. When her ballet class decides to perform the "Sleeping Beauty", Rosie volunteers to provide both the prince and the props for the production.



GRAB A PEN AND PAPER!

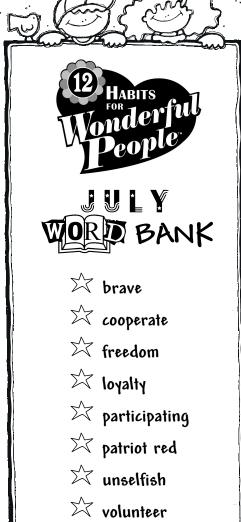
Create a schedule of things you can do to care for yourself and improve your personal hygiene Include things like bathing, brushing your teeth, washing your hair, and washing your hands. Talk about this list with an adult and practice these things daily.

a story for July . . .

the month to "BECOME INVOLVED®"

Fill in the blanks with words from the bank at right. Then read the completed story, perhaps at your Independence Day celebration!

This summer be u	This summer be u with your time and v			
in your community. If all citizens c	and work as a group we can			
all make the world a better place. S	Spend some time helping the senior citizens in			
your neighborhood. Pick up litter you	u find on the street. Do a good deed to help out			
at home. Be b and try ne	w things. What other ways can you "Become			
Involved?"				
Show your patriotism by p	in your community's Independence			
Day celebration. Wear p	r to show your l to your			
country. Do you know what historica	I event our country celebrates each year on the			
fourth day in July?				





YOUNG ADULTS - Grades 4-8

Doctors Without Borders by Anastasia Suen, PowerKids Press, 2002, Series: Helping Organizations: Reading Power. Another in the excellent series about American-based organizations that help others throughout the world, the book describes the work of volunteer medical personnel who offer help in time of disaster and need. Habitat for Humanity and The Peace Corps are two others in this series.

Gracie's Girl by Ellen Wittlinger, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000. Sixth-grader Bess wants to change her image as a "dork" and fit in and become popular at her new middle school. She joins the drama club and volunteers to help with the school musical. When she and her friend Ethan discover Gracie, a homeless old woman raiding dumpsters for food, she has to make choices about what things are really important.

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh, Delacorte Press, 2000. As much fun as it was when it was originally published in 1964, Harriet is the neighborhood "spy". With her trusty notebook and powers of observation and not-so-perfect parents, Harriet is headed for trouble. For more of Harriet's adventures The Long Secret continues the story.

PRIMARY READERS - Grades K-3

Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent by Bill Peet, Houghton Mifflin, 1975. Filled with humor, Cyrus the shy and gently sea-serpent has always wanted to be a hero, but his size and appearance are frightening. A storm at sea, a ship in trouble and some nasty pirates give Cyrus the chance to prove his true nature and be a hero.

Edwina the Emu by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement, HarperCollins, 1997. When emus, Edwina and Edward, discover they are expecting 10 little ones. Edwina decides to look for a job outside their zoo home. Of all the many different things she tries, nothing is quite right. A funny, rhyming tale that children will laugh at and remember.



It's JULY, Become So . . INVOLVED

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Are you "Involving Others" too?

Turn off the TV, turn off the CD, turn off the PC, and do something for your family, for your community, for vourself. - CHA updated quote from MICKEY DOLENZ, American Singer-Actor, The Monkees, I'm a Believer

JOURNAL PROMPTS 15 Wear PATRIOT RED today. 16 17 18 19

·Explain in a few short paragraphs how "Becoming Involved" resulted in something positive.

. What could become of hunger and poverty if we all focused on "making a difference" more than "making more money?" Why?

olf you could find a way to help any organization in the world, what would you choose and why?

"What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when we bring what is within out into the world, miracles happen." - HENRY DAVID THORFAU

Create a game or puzzle for younger children to learn about keeping HEALTH clean. Use the personal care list you developed last week for ideas. The FÖCUS Caring Habit team would love to see your creations! Ask an adult to help you send a copy to us at the address listed on the back of this unplanner.

BOOK LIST for July

YOUNG ADULTS Grades 4-8

Helping Hands: How Families Can Reach Out to Their Community by Richard Mintzer, Chelsea House, 2003,

Series: Focus on Family Matters Using real-life examples, this book shows how young people and their families can make a difference by volunteering to help others in times of tragedies or to improve their communities.

How Can You Help?: Creative Volunteer Projects for Kids Who Care

by Linda Schwartz, Learning Works, 1994. This illustrated book is filled with more than 100 volunteer projects for pre-teens.

In Good Hands: Behind the Scenes at a Center for Orphaned and Injured Birds

by Stephen R. Swinburne, Sierra Club Books for Children, 1998. At the Vermont Raptor Center orphaned and injured birds of prey ranging from eagles to owls are returned to health and, when possible, released into the wild. Sixteen-year-old Hannah gives a behindthe-scenes look at the workings of the Center, including some of the not-so-happy endings.

Kids Volunteering Book by Arlene Erlbach, Lerner Publications, 1998. A wide variety of twelve volunteer opportunities for young people are shown in this well-organized book that profiles some of the youngsters that volunteer. Both local and national examples are used, from clowning to landscaping.

PRIMARY READERS - Grades K-3

Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monster's Cave by Marcus Pfister, North-South Books, 2001. When a sick friend needs some special algae,

Rainbow Fish and a companion brave the monster's cave to get it.

The Red Cross by Jill C. Wheeler, Abdo Publications, 2003, Series: Everyday Heroes This brief beginner book traces the beginnings and history of the American Red Cross, its fundamental principles and some of its activities here and in Canada.

BECOME INVOLVED®

spaces during your turn.

enough math problems to advance to the finish line!

of colored paper.

WORDS-2-LEARN ALPHABETIZING QUIZ

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Log on and check all your answers at WonderfulPeople.net

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2. If you have a game die, use that to roll and find out how many spaces to move on your first turn. If you don't have a die, cut slips of paper, number them from 1-6, and draw one for

3. When you land on a square, complete the math problem and advance that number of

4. The player to advance to the end first wins the game! Keep playing until everyone solves