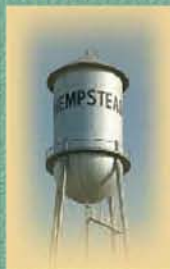


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- IACC
www.charactercities.org

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in character. If there is beauty in character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

-- Chinese proverb



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Building Character in Hempstead

The Character Council of Hempstead will promote character in the six sectors of our community:

- **Family**
- **Business**
- **Government**
- **Education**
- **Faith**
- **Sports**



As individuals begin to make character development a priority in their lives, the level of good character in every area of the community will begin to improve. Furthermore, some will become passionate about seeing good character grow and will become **champions** for it in the sector of the community where they are most involved. Printed materials and colorful **resources** are available for the various sectors to promote good character in ways that suit the goals and activities of their area of interest.

Promotion of the character qualities in the city could be pictured as a three-legged stool, with all three legs being necessary for balance.

1. The first leg is "educate." Each month, a character quality will be promoted through various forms of media. Signs placed at the entrances to Hempstead will show the quality of the month. This website will give the concept behind the quality, as well as details and illustrations to clarify it. Some of these qualities will probably provoke us to think in new ways about right behavior. (Even though these qualities are time-tested principles, our present culture has done much to erode or hide them.)

2. The second leg is "activate." The discussion of each **month's character quality** will include action steps called "I will" statements. Further tips for building the quality in the lives of individuals and institutions will be included in the discussion for each sector.

3. The third leg is **praise and reward**. As we re-tune our thinking to rewarding character, rather than achievement, we will find creative ways to honor good character.

The Character Council will provide means of rewarding those displaying good character by honoring publicly those who have been **nominated** by citizens. Watch this website to see who won the **character award** each month!

Institutions within the various sectors of the community may also begin to reward those who have shown good character within their ranks (ie, businesses may choose to honor an employee with a "good character of the month" award; families may honor their children periodically with little awards for good character; teachers may choose to honor a student for good character each week or month.)

Best of all, citizens who are thinking more about character will begin to praise those around them for the good character they see in them. As we praise others, the level of respect and goodwill in the community will multiply.

For more on building character, [click here](#).