Role Modeling and Volunteerism: Get Involved!

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Who are your Heroes/ Role Models?

Activity- Human Tracing

- Divide into groups
- Pick one person to trace on poster
- Identify and draw the important parts of the body that represents a role model to you.
- Be Creative.

Role Modeling

Definition:

- A person who serves as an example of a positive behavior
- A person who has the qualities that you would like to have
- A person who affects you in a way that makes you want to be a better person
- A person who teaches you about yourself
- A person who encourages you to believe you can get to where you are
- More?

Alim's Past Role Models

Karey Pine (Advisor/Mentor)



Student Leaders



Friends in the Deaf Community

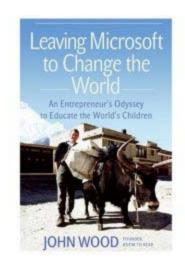


Scott's Past Role Models

- Mother
- Educators
 - Rochester School for the Deaf
 - Honeoye Central School
 - Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- Comic books heroes

Alim's Current Role Models

- John Wood
 - Author of "Room to Read"
 - Co-Founder who left Microsoft



Students



- Aamir Khan
 - Bollywood Actor



Scott's Current Role Models

- Mother
- Wife
- Family members
- Colleagues from Rochester School for the Deaf
- Students
- Carrie Underwood (country music singer)
- Comic book heroes

Unknown Role Models

- Who were your role models when you were in elementary school?
- What did they do that impressed you the most?

Familiar Role Models

- Who are your role models today?
- What did they do that impressed you the most?

Activity - Celebrities

 Each group receives an envelope with a picture of a famous person in it

Discuss the person

 Give whole group a brief on how that person is and why he/she is a role model

Why Role Model?

Discussion

What is Volunteerism?

- Divide into groups
- Come up with a skit of an example that defines volunteerism.

Volunteerism

- People with enthusiasm and dedication to goals that make organizations succeed.
- It makes a difference by contributing one's time, energy, and talents to the causes one holds dear.
- Willingness to work without expectation of pay (works for free, not expecting a tangible gain)

What else?

- Providing support to a needy cause
- Inspiring and sharing experiences and successes with others
- Positioning yourself as a resource for others
- Team building
- Enhancing public relations
- Working with a diverse group of people
- Developing priorities

What Happens when You Volunteer?

- You will
 - Feel good about yourself and others
 - Develop personal growth and spiritual fulfillment
 - Receive work experience
 - Connect with others who will increase your impact
 - Learn
 - Produce

Examples of Volunteer Opportunities (Alim)

- -Student Body Government in College
- -Asian Deaf Club
- -Community Service at Church
- -Open Door Mission during Christmas/Thanksgiving
- -Traveling internationally and volunteer my time at deaf schools
- -Global Youth Connect in Cambodia
- -Global Reach Out (GRO)







Examples of Volunteer Opportunities (Scott)

- United Way
- GraphComm4Deaf.org—Member of advisory group for an interactive educational website
- Rochester Museum & Science Center—Member of Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing advisory board
- Rochester School for the Deaf—Volunteered, coached, advised and coordinated several events as a school leader
 - Boy Scouts—Leader of Pack 29
 - Day of Caring—Supervised students at a Habitat for Humanity site
 - Mix-it-up Day—Guided students in activities designed to promote positive socialization
 - Academic Bowl, sports teams, etc.—served as coach and advisor.

Reasons to Volunteer?

- 1. To explore a new career
- 2. To make new friends
- 3. To learn new skills
- 4. To support the local community
- 5. To do something different
- 6. To travel
- 7. To donate professional skills
- 8. To do something with friends

Starting a Volunteering Club

- Give a brief instructions on what is required to start a club
- Develop a Mission and Vision Statements
- Come up with 3 Goals
- Present it to the audience of convincing us to join the volunteering club

Feedback

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