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Promising Practices in Character Education Announced for 2016

Hundreds of effective strategies that develop good character in young people are recognized

May 2, 2016, Washington, DC –Character.org has awarded 327 Promising Practices to schools, districts, and youth-serving organizations from across the United States --- as well as from Canada, China, Colombia, and Mexico.

"These great ideas really highlight the creative efforts of amazing teachers all across America --- and the world," said Dr. Dave Keller, Program Director. "It's great to recognize what's going well in the classroom. These practices represent practical, effective ways to develop empathy, enhance conflict resolution skills, and inspire good citizenship."

This year's winning practices include unique anti-bullying programs, creative ways to integrate character and academic subjects, effective strategies for developing student leadership, and activities that build community – within the school and beyond. See List of Winning Practices.

Character.org's 2016 National and International Promising Practices in Character Education represent:

- 4 nations outside the U.S.
- 29 U.S. states and Washington DC – with the largest numbers from Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida, and Oklahoma.
- 308 public, charter, and private schools, as well as 9 youth-serving organizations and 10 school districts.

School / District / Organization Name	Practice Name	State	City
Imagine Avondale	Student Leadership Academy	Arizona	Avondale
Imagine Bell Canyon	Team Clean	Arizona	Phoenix
Imagine Bell Canyon	What would Mr. Bakke do?	Arizona	Phoenix
Imagine Coolidge Elementary	Rise Above Bullies	Arizona	Coolidge
Imagine Cortez Park	Mix It Up Day	Arizona	Phoenix
Imagine Desert West School	Kaboom! -- Let's Build a Playground Together	Arizona	Phoenix

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Imagine Desert West School	Random Acts of Kindness	Arizona	Phoenix
Maricopa County Safe Schools	Maricopa County Safe Schools "Teen Court" Leadership Development Project	Arizona	Mesa
Ambitious Girls Inc	EmpowHERment Day	Arkansas	Little Rock
Sierra Vista Middle School	Blanket Them With Kindness	California	Covina
Tulare Union High School	Project Z	California	Tulare
Washington Academic Middle School	Warrior Within	California	Sanger
Imagine Charter School at Firestone	Core Virtues and Habitudes Integration	Colorado	Firestone
Johnson Elementary School	BOYS2MEN	Colorado	Montrose
Syntrak International, Inc.	Raising awareness of self and others basic natural traits	Colorado	Colorado Springs
Christ the Teacher Catholic School	Learning Life Lessons Through Literature	Delaware	Newark
Imagine Hope Lamond	JIF (Justice-Integirty-FUN) Jars	District Of Columbia	Washington
Imagine Hope Lamond PCS	Conflict Carpet	District Of Columbia	Washington
Imagine Hope Tolson	Caught Being Good Campaign	District Of Columbia	Washington
Boyette Springs Elementary	I Care Kids	Florida	Riverview
Imagine Charter School at Plantation	"Students Who Care: Imagine Plantation's Middle School Service Club"	Florida	Plantation
Imagine Charter School at Weston	Share a Book	Florida	Weston
Imagine Kissimmee Charter Academy	Success Time	Florida	Kissimmee
Imagine Land O'Lakes	SOAR	Florida	Land O Lakes
Imagine School at North Port--Elementary Campus	Characters with Character	Florida	North Port
Imagine School at Town Center	Pennies for Patients - Spirit of Giving	Florida	Palm Coast
Imagine School Town Center	A Wish For Peace	Florida	PALM COAST
Imagine Schools at South Lake	Performance Character - Creativity	Florida	Clermont
Imagine Schools at South Lake	Student Leadership Shines at ISL	Florida	Clermont

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Imagine Schools at West Melbourne	Little Growers	Florida	Melbourne
Imagine Schools at Weston	Multicultural Pals	Florida	Weston
Imagine Schools South Vero	P.R.I.D.E Time	Florida	Vero Beach
Imagine South Vero	Time to SHINE	Florida	Vero Beach
Imagine-Chancellor	Feeding South Florida Canned Food Drive	Florida	Boynton Beach
Ridgecrest Elementary School	Empowering Students to Become Civic Minded Leaders Through Action Research	Florida	Largo
Tropical Elementary	Earth Expo	Florida	Merritt Island
Carmel Elementary School	The Ghildren's Garden	Georgia	Woodstock
Liberty Elementary School	Have a Heart for Seniors Boxes	Georgia	Canton
Professional Development and Assessment Center	The Expectations Diagnosis	Georgia	Villa Rica
Rocky Branch	Gardening and Cooking With A Purpose	Georgia	Bogart
Rocky Branch Elementary Schoool	World of Work â€œWOWâ€ Wednesday	Georgia	Watkinsville
Abraham Lincoln School	STARS in Action	Illinois	Belleville
Community High School	ROAR - Building School Community and Student Leadership	Illinois	West Chicago
Community High School	WLQS - The Women's Leadership Quarterly Summit	Illinois	West Chicago
Cyd Lash Academy	Building Bridges an Alternative to Suspension	Illinois	Gages LAke
Embers Elementary School	Virtue Librarian	Illinois	Niles
St. Mary of the Angels School	Spirit Games	Illinois	Chicago
Christel House Academy South	Character and Habits of Work	Indiana	Indianapolis
Feed My Sheep Resource Center, Inc	Using etiquette & self-esteem to promote character education	Indiana	East Chicago
Marshall Intermediate Center	How we began creating our caring community...	Indiana	South Bend
Hoisington Middle School	HMS Cardinal Core Values	Kansas	Hoisington
Pittsburg High School	Friday...Game Day	Kansas	Pittsburg

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Sabetha High School	Career Symposium	Kansas	Sabetha
USD 268	Cardinal P.R.I.D.E. Connection	Kansas	Cheney
Valley Center Middle School	S.H.O.W. Program	Kansas	Valley Center
Imagine Foundations at Leeland Public Charter School	"3LT: Learning Leading and Leaving a Legacy through Townhall"	Maryland	Upper Marlboro
Imagine LIncoln Public Charter School	Eagle Scholar Mentoring	Maryland	Temple Hills
North Salisbury	Preserving the Past for Future Generations	Maryland	Salisbury
North Salisbury School	HALO: Hope and Life Outreach Service Learning Project	Maryland	Salisbury
Mill Pond School	"Celebrating Our Special Qualities and Embracing Our Differences" Spirit Week	Massachusetts	Westborough
Berkshire Middle School	January Drive: A school-wide food-drive basketball tournament!	Michigan	Beverly Hills
Berkshire Middle School	Table Talk: Food For Thought	Michigan	Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms Elementary School	Kindergarten Cares	Michigan	Bingam Farms
Birmingham Covington School	Salmon in the Classroom	Michigan	Bloomfield Hills
Dolsen Elementary	Dolsen Taking Care Initiative	Michigan	New Hudson
Ferndale High School	Peer to Peer	Michigan	Ferndale
Madison-Carver Academy	MCA Restorative Practices	Michigan	Detroit
Pembroke Elementary School	Saving the Little Brown Bat	Michigan	Troy
West Maple Elementary	Who Am I? Flag Project	Michigan	Bloomfield Hills
West Maple Elementary School	Peacemakers help kids in Foster Care Celebrate their Birthdays!	Michigan	Bloomfield Hills
Avalon School	Student-Led Orientation and Peer Mentor Program	Minnesota	Saint Paul
Lakes International Language Academy	Make A Difference I-Term	Minnesota	Forest Lake
Antonia Middle School	Bulls' Huggable Love Blankets	Missouri	Barnhart

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Antonia Middle School	Train the Teacher	Missouri	Barnhart
Babler Elementary	The Kindness Campaign	Missouri	Wildwood
Barretts Elementary School	Student Action Leadership Team (SALT)	Missouri	Manchester
Bayless Elementary	Bus Buddies	Missouri	St. Louis
Bayless High School	Bayless Student Mentors, More Than Meets The Eye	Missouri	St. Louis
Bayless High School	Handmade Gifts for the Pantry	Missouri	St. Louis
Bayless Jr. High	Argumentative Mock Trial	Missouri	St. Louis
Bellerive Elementary	LEAD Time -- Empowering your students to find their Voice	Missouri	Creve Coeur
Belton High School	Pirate Pals	Missouri	Belton
Bernard Middle School	Character Education and the Environment	Missouri	St. Louis
Bernard Middle School	Persuasive Essay Service Learning Project	Missouri	St. Louis
Blades Elementary School	Blades Elementary School Butterfly Garden	Missouri	St. Louis
Bowles Elementary	Hide & Seek with Cody the Cougar	Missouri	Fenton
Claude Brown Elementary	Teaming Up to Travel	Missouri	Troy
Cleveland NJROTC	Morning Muster at Cleveland NJROTC	Missouri	St. Louis
Craig Elementary School	Craig U-Rigor, Relevance, Relationships	Missouri	St. Louis
Danforth Elementary	Attendance Saves	Missouri	St. Louis
Don Earl Early Childhood Center	Souper Bowl 2016	Missouri	Arnold
Early Childhood Education Center	Learning to Lead Meetings	Missouri	Troy
Ellisville Elementary	Keys to Leadership	Missouri	Ellisville
Fairway Elementary	Buddy Bookmarks	Missouri	Wildwood
Forder Elementary School	FLCN's Character in the News	Missouri	St. Louis
Geggie Elementary	Dream and Achieve	Missouri	Eureka

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George Guffey Elementary	H.O.M.E. Helping Others Means Everything	Missouri	Fenton
George Guffey Elementary	Toasty Toes	Missouri	Fenton
Gladden Elementary	New Student Welcoming Committee	Missouri	Belton
Gladden Elementary School	Uganda Service Learning	Missouri	Belton
Green Pines Elementary	Chef of the Day creates a Cafe of Character	Missouri	Wildwood
Green Trails Elementary	Relationship Building via Restorative Practices	Missouri	Chesterfield
Harry S. Truman Middle School	Truman Middle School's Flipped Staff Meetings	Missouri	Sunset Hills
Highland Elementary	We're Growing Our Character	Missouri	St. Louis
Hillcrest STEAM Academy	Picnic with your Parent!	Missouri	Belton
Hillsboro Intermediate School	Art of Manliness and # Like a Girl	Missouri	Hillsboro
Hiram Neuwoehner High School	Common Language: The 11 Principles of Character Education and Our Core Values	Missouri	Town and Country
Jefferson City Academic Center	"All for One"	Missouri	Jefferson City
Jefferson City Academic Center	JCAC SOARS Digitally!	Missouri	Jefferson City
John Cary Early Childhood Center	"What I Love About You!" Secret Valentine	Missouri	St. Louis
Kehrs Mill Elementary	Kehrs Mill Big Heart5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run	Missouri	Chesterfield
Kennard Classical Junior Academy	Fight Against Hunger Can Stacking Assembly	Missouri	St. Louis
Kentucky Trail Elementary	Caught With Good Character	Missouri	Belton
Kentucky Trail Elemetary Belton MO	Bella, Buster, Fred, Leonard, and Gertie: Solving Moral Dilemmas through Imagination and Letter Writing	Missouri	Belton
Koch Elementary	Koch Safety Matters Team	Missouri	St. Louis
Ladue Early Childhood Center	Bringing Literacy Into the Home	Missouri	St. Louis

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Ladue Early Childhood Center	Veterans Day at Ladue Early Childhood Center	Missouri	Creve Coeur
Ladue Middle School	New Student "Bring A Friend" Club	Missouri	St. Louis
Lafayette High School	Sparkle Squad	Missouri	Wildwood
Lemasters Elementary	S.T.A.R (Students Taking Academic Responsibility)	Missouri	St. Louis
Lewis & Clark Elementary	It's A New Day at L&C!!!	Missouri	St. Louis
Lewis and Clark Middle School	Best Week Ever	Missouri	Jefferson city
Lewis and Clark Middle School	Blazing Character Through Poetry	Missouri	Jefferson City
Lindbergh Early Childhood Education	Screen Free Week Initiative	Missouri	St. Louis
Lindbergh High School	LHS Ambassadors DE-Stress Day	Missouri	St. Louis
Lindbergh Schools	Lindbergh Flyers: Boys to Men	Missouri	St. Louis
Long Elementary	School Wide Leadership Positions	Missouri	St. Louis
Maple Grove Elementary	Random Acts of Kindness	Missouri	Dittmer
Maplewood-Richmond Heights Elementary	School as Museum Metaphor	Missouri	St. Louis
Margaret Buerkle Middle School	Family Game Night	Missouri	St. Louis
Margaret Buerkle Middle School	The Giving Basket	Missouri	St. Louis
McKelvey Elementary	Going Beyond	Missouri	Maryland Heights
Mehlville High School	Creating Social Justice Project	Missouri	St. Louis
Mehlville High School	Every Drop Counts	Missouri	St. Louis
Moline Elementary School	Today's Students - Tomorrow's Leaders	Missouri	St. Louis
Northwest High School	Special Friends Community Valentines Party	Missouri	Cedar Hill
Oakville Middle School	Scientific Investigations within a Visual Arts Environment - Indigo Dyeing and Eco-Printing with Native Plant Fiber Inspired by the Mississippi River Watershed	Missouri	St. Louis

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Oakville Senior High School	5th Grade Team Building Initiative	Missouri	St. Louis
Parkway Northeast Middle School	6th Grade Service Learning	Missouri	Creve Coeur
Parkway Northeast Middle School	Viking Pride Cards	Missouri	Creve Coeur
Parkway South Middle	South Middle Community Building Day	Missouri	St. Louis
Parkway West High School	African-American Elementary and Middle School Mentoring Program	Missouri	Ballwin
Parkway West High School	Let's Move Together: a Physical Education Mentor/Mentee Class	Missouri	Ballwin
Point Elementary School	Bells for Breslers	Missouri	St. Louis
Point Elementary School	Spare A Pair	Missouri	St. Louis
Pond Elementary School	Morning Greeters	Missouri	Wildwood
Reed Elementary	Action-Based Service Learning at the St. Louis Area FoodBank	Missouri	St. Louis
Reed School	STARR Teams (Students Taking Action and Responsibility at Reed)	Missouri	St. Louis
Riverview Gardens Central Middle	Central Middle Apple Rollout and Digital Citizenship	Missouri	St. Louis
Rockwood Early Childhood	Developmental bibliotherapy	Missouri	Chesterfield
Rockwood Early Childhood	I Can Be Safe	Missouri	Chesterfield
Rockwood South Middle School	Community Service Day	Missouri	Fenton
Selvidge Middle School	Books At Birth	Missouri	Ballwin
Southwest Early Childhood Center	Calming Kits	Missouri	Jefferson City
Southwest Early Childhood Center	Cubbies and Bears	Missouri	Jefferson City
Southwest Middle School	Block Party	Missouri	Manchester
Southwest Middle School	Southwest Rights and Responsibilities	Missouri	Manchester
Sperreng Middle School	Honor Flight Letters of Gratitude	Missouri	St. Louis

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Sperreng Middle School	Sharing Students' Unique Culture Stories Through Online Book Creation	Missouri	St. Louis
Spoede Elementary	Camp Read-A-Lot	Missouri	St. Louis
Stanton Elementary	Let us teach you about character!	Missouri	Fenton
Stanton Elementary	We've got spirit!	Missouri	Fenton
Stix Early Childhood Center	Monday Morning Meetings	Missouri	St. Louis
Sullivan Middle School	#SMSstudentedcamp	Missouri	Sullivan
Truman Middle School	TMS Flyer Time Leadership Team	Missouri	St. Louis
Uthoff Valley Elementary School	Sending Hope with Soap	Missouri	Fenton
Valley Park Middle School	Touchstone Video Project	Missouri	Valley Park
Westview Middle School	Westview Middle School Mentoring Program	Missouri	St. Louis
Westview Middle School	Westview Middle School Mentoring Program	Missouri	St. Louis
Wild Horse Elementary	Spark Sessions	Missouri	Chesterfield
Windsor High School	Owl Time - A one-hour student directed lunch	Missouri	Imperial
Woerner Elementary	Woerner Positive Postcards	Missouri	St. Louis
Woerther Elementary School	Caring for Our Community - Circle Of Concern Food Drive	Missouri	Ballwin
Woerther Elementary School	Community Members Make a Difference	Missouri	Ballwin
Troy School District	Leadership in Action	Montana	Troy
100 Academy of Excellence, an Imagine Charter School	Classroom College Crews	Nevada	North Las Vegas
Imagine Schools at Mountain View	Inspiring a Growth Mindset	Nevada	Las Vegas
A. Russell Knight Elementary	Buddy Bench - Make Buddies Not Bullies	New Jersey	Cherry Hill,
A. Russell Knight Elementary	Family Meetings	New Jersey	Cherry Hill
Alan B. Shepard Elementary School	Disability Awareness--Ability Focus	New Jersey	Old Bridge
Avon Elementary School	The Rufus Project	New Jersey	Avon

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Berlin Community School	Reading and Character Connections	New Jersey	Berlin
Broad Street School	Parent & Child Art Club	New Jersey	Bridgeton
Camden County Technical School, Gloucester Township Campus	Unity Power Yoga	New Jersey	Sicklerville
Camden County Technical Schools Pennsauken Campus	Student Support Program (SSP)	New Jersey	Pennsauken
Cedar Hill School	Diversity Committee at Cedar Hill School	New Jersey	Towaco
Clara Barton Elementary School	Family Day	New Jersey	Cherry Hill
Colonia High School	Patriot Pride #BTru2U	New Jersey	Colonia
Dogwood Hill School	Dogwood Day	New Jersey	Oakland
Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51	Multicultural Week: A Celebration of Diversity	New Jersey	Elizabeth
East Greenwich Township Schools	Lunch Bunch	New Jersey	Mickleton
East Hanover Middle School	Warm Up America!	New Jersey	East Hanover
Fairfield Township School	Character Education to improve student achievement	New Jersey	Bridgeton
Franklin Ave MS Peer Leadership Corps	Peer Leadership Corps Very Important Person Celebration	New Jersey	Franklin Lakes
George Washington Middle School	STARS	New Jersey	Wayne
Hanover Park High School	Voter Registration Day	New Jersey	East Hanover
Harrison Schools	A Taste of Diversity Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner	New Jersey	Roselle
Helen Fort/Newcomb Middle School	Hornets Engaged in Learning & Leading Others (HELLO)	New Jersey	Pemberton
Hoboken Charter School	The Senior Eyes Project - Empowering Your Educational Services.	New Jersey	Hoboken
Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts School No. 9	Leaders of Tomorrow (L.O.T.)	New Jersey	Elizabeth
Lawrence Middle School	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service -- community service	New Jersey	Lawrenceville
Leroy Gordon Cooper Elementary School	Readers of The Pack	New Jersey	Cliffwood Beach
Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary	Captain Pillar and the Pillar Patrol	New Jersey	Summit

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Macopin Middle School	Operation Thank You	New Jersey	West Milford
Macopin Middle School	Walking in Their Shoes: New Approach to the Philadelphia Convention	New Jersey	West Milford
Manito Elementary School	Education with Heart	New Jersey	Oakland
Mantua Township Public Schools	Leadership Delivery Unit	New Jersey	Sewell
Memorial Elementary School	Husky Pawing Pillow	New Jersey	Laurence Harbor
Metuchen High School	Breaking the Chain Through Education	New Jersey	Metuchen
North Brunswick Township High School	POSSibilities Plus Cafe-POSSibilities Plus 18-21 Year Old Program: Providing Opportunities for Student Success	New Jersey	North Brunswick
North Plainfield High School	From Toddlers to Teens: Building a Love of Reading	New Jersey	North Plainfield
North Plainfield Middle School	North Plainfield Middle School Holocaust and Genocide Initiative	New Jersey	North Plainfield
Oxford Central School	Got to Have that Attitude of Gratitude!!	New Jersey	Oxford
Oxford Central School	The C.O.R.R.E.C.T. Force for Good	New Jersey	Oxford
Paradise Knoll Elementary School	Paradise Knoll Honors Our Veterans	New Jersey	Oak Ridge
Parkway Elementary School	Pawsitive Panthers Days of Service	New Jersey	Ewing
The Peck School	Assembling to Promote Kairos Night	New Jersey	Morristown
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Upper Greenwood Lake School	UGL Friendship Benches	New Jersey	Hewitt
Valley Middle School	Frost Valley Experience	New Jersey	Oakland
West End Elementary School	WE Safety Patrols	New Jersey	North Plainfield
West Milford Field Hockey Team	West Milford Field Hockey Program	New Jersey	West Milford
West Milford Township High School	Holocaust Elective and Interaction with Survivors	New Jersey	West Milford

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West Milford Township Public High School	Annual West Milford High School Cross Country Sportsmanship Run for Breast Cancer Awareness	New Jersey	West Milford
Whippany Park High School	Sharing Character Education through Literature and the Arts	New Jersey	Whippany
Woodstown Middle School	Restorative Practice-Student Circle Meetings	New Jersey	Woodstown
Yardville School	Disability Awareness Day	New Jersey	Hamilton
Bridgeport Elementary School	Head/Hand/Heart	New York	Bridgeport
Jonas E. Salk Middle School	RISE Challenger League	New York	Levittown
Millard Hawk Primary School	"Knots" of Love	New York	Central Square
West Patent Elementary School	Kiit Caring Day	New York	Bedford Hills
Bessemer Elementary School	Black History Month Program and Guest Speakers	North Carolina	Greensboro
Brooks Global Studies Extended Year Magnet School	Our Global Chicken Coop	North Carolina	Greensboro
Christine Joyner Greene Education Center	Greene's Giving Garden	North Carolina	Jamestown
Falkener Elementary School	5th Grade Exhibition	North Carolina	Greensboro
Foust Elementary School	Giving Not Gifting	North Carolina	Greensboro
Guilford County School District	Guest Readers: Bringing Character and Career Exploration to ACES	North Carolina	Greensboro
Heritage High School	Ladies of Distinction Mentoring Program	North Carolina	Wake Forest
James B. Dudley High School	Pink Panther Prowl Breast Cancer Walk	North Carolina	High Point
JW McLauchlin Elementary School	WOW! We are One Wednesdays	North Carolina	Raeford
Kiser Middle School	Future Leaders Day	North Carolina	Greensboro
Madison Elementary School	Mustang Connections African-American Mentor Program	North Carolina	McLeansville
Middle College at GTCC High Point	MCHP Legacy Project	North Carolina	High Point

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Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro	Steppin' up and Sleeping Out for Homelessness & Hunger	North Carolina	Greensboro
Nathanael Greene Elementary	Green is the Dream!	North Carolina	Liberty
Nathanael Greene Elementary	Walk With Character	North Carolina	Liberty
Office of Early Learning	Solution Suitcases for Early Childhood Problem Solving	North Carolina	Cary
Reedy Fork Elementary	Cribbage and Character	North Carolina	Greensboro
Salem Elementary	PALS Program	North Carolina	Apex
Southeast Guilford High School	Project 750	North Carolina	Greensboro
Southeast Guilford Middle School	Food Bus and SEMS Community Garden	North Carolina	Greensboro
Sumner Elementary School	Elements Scholar Program	North Carolina	Greensboro
The Early College at Guilford	Mr. ECG	North Carolina	Greensboro
Union Academy	Union Academy Character Day	North Carolina	Monroe
Union Academy	Union Academy Family Reunion Activity Day	North Carolina	Monroe
Wake County Public School System	SCORE - Second Chance for Online Resource Education	North Carolina	Cary
Washington Montessori School	My Brother's Keeper	North Carolina	Greensboro
Weaver Academy	Building "Tiny" Houses to help combat homelessness	North Carolina	Greensboro
Weddington Hills Elementary	Wildcats Take Action	North Carolina	Concord
Citizens Academy	Family Coordinator and the Community Food Bank Project	Ohio	Cleveland
Citizens Academy East	Home Visits to Build a Strong Relationship	Ohio	Cleveland
Imagine Columbus Primary Academy	"Building Character One Lego at a Time"	Ohio	Columbus
Imagine Great Western Academy	Eighth Grade Mentors	Ohio	Columbus

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Imagine Harrisburg Pike Community School	A Season Of Giving: Imagine Harrisburg Pike Toy Drive & Giving Tree	Ohio	Columbus
Imagine Hill Academy	Physical Education Mentor Program	Ohio	Toledo

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About Character.org: Character.org: Founded in 1993, Character.org, is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. It works with schools and districts to educate, inspire and empower young people to be ethical and engaged citizens. It is led by education leaders who are dedicated to teaching youth how to be both smart and good through the advancement of quality character development in all schools. The impact of this is seen through improved academic achievement, decline in behavioral problems such as truancy and school violence, and an increase in an overall positive school climate. Visit www.character.org to learn more about the National Forum and the Schools of Character program.

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