

The 40 Developmental Assets were assessed in June, 2005 using the survey *Me and My World*. 54% of the children surveyed in our community report that they experience the asset **Caring neighborhood**.

Asset #4: Caring neighborhood—Young person experiences caring neighbors.

Consider this . . .

Being a good neighbor is more than simply lending someone a cup of sugar (or a ladder or jumper cables), but it can start there. Part of being a community is being interdependent and part of being a healthy community is lending a hand where you can and asking for help when you need it.

Try this . . .

- Make a map of your neighborhood and include a list of resources—shops in the area, people with particular skills or expertise, parks or other shared spaces, and anything else that makes your community unique and rich.
- Make a map of the people in your neighborhood. Make an effort to get to know your neighbors better.
- Hang out in places where you are likely to see neighbors, and make a point of greeting people as they pass. If they seem friendly, start a casual conversation.
- Organize a block party.
- Start or join a neighborhood watch.

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