



# A Community of Character

Coalition for Healthy Communities

## Become an Organization of Character

### What is an Organization of Character?

An Organization of Character:

- Can be any club, business, agency or organization in the Zion-Benton community;
- Focuses on people, their behavior and attitudes;
- Focuses on creating an environment that values the contributions of everyone, builds team commitment and recognizes achievement;
- Builds on the positive as it recognizes the good things that are already happening in the organization;
- Incorporates character traits in a variety of ways to create a common language in the organization (i.e., conversations and discussions, training awards and acknowledgements); and
- Involves everyone in a supportive manner to identify the traits that are most important to their particular organization and to develop strategies that raise awareness about the importance of good character.

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## Organization of Character

The Organization of Character program is part of the Community of Character Initiative. They are both sponsored by The Coalition for Healthy Communities and are proudly supported by:

- Mayor John Hucker, Village of Beach Park
- Mayor Robert Loy, Village of Winthrop Harbor
- Mayor Al Hill, City of Zion

**Vision:** A community that works, plays, and lives with character

**Mission:** To improve the quality of life for everyone in our community by promoting values and character traits that guide positive behavior.

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## How to Become an Organization of Character

### It's Easy!

- Conduct your organization in such a manner to support the six character traits.
- Incorporate character traits into programs and events.
- Participate in Community of Character sponsored events and encourage others to participate.
- A donation of \$25 is required that will go toward Organization of Character programs and initiatives.

### **As a Community of Character Organization, you will receive the following benefits:**

- Use of the Community of Character logo for promotional materials and clothing
- A window decal for your organization that identifies you as an Organization of Character
- Opportunities to showcase your organization at town and community events of Character
- Your organization will be listed on the Coalition and Community of Character websites
- Resources to assist your implementation of Character initiatives at your organization, including printed materials, guest speakers, etc.

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## Six Words That Can Change a Community

January/February

- **Respect** – I treat others the way I want to be treated

March/April

- **Perseverance** – I stay the course to reach my goals

May/June

- **Responsibility** – I am accountable for my actions and attitudes

July/August

- **Safety** – I take action to address harm

September/October

- **Integrity** – I do the right thing, even when no one is watching

November/December

- **Kindness** – I demonstrate care and concern



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## 2016 Organization of Character Application

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment:

- Support Community of Character Events
- Demonstrate Community of Character traits in your organization

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Donation (Minimum \$25)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about partnering with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Character Club

\_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Community

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