

Intergenerational Message
Contest
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Time For....

It's time for the young to bond with the wise
To learn and discover, to see through their eyes
There may not be much time, our young are
dying now
Our elders will stand by, not knowing we are ill
We all will come together to see with one eye
We all will see each other, and then learn to fly
The young have many problems, kids and teens
We don't have experience to truly see
See the problems; solve them quick, we just
don't believe
Let's make a path to better things, let's bond
without regret
Let's lend some time, give a hand, and make
sure the pieces fit
Pieces of hope, dreams, and love, things we all
possess
Pieces that all fit in a puzzle, let's now put it
together
We need help, we need answers, we all just need
our elders.

By Andrew Wagner

Kenzie Curtis
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FCCLA Leadership

Dear Booth Manor,

When it comes to difference in age, there's a big gap. In today's generation, everything is different from the way it used to be. In the older generation, fun was playing jump rope, hide and seek, and making up your own games. Today, fun is text messaging and spending money at the mall. This is why it's important for the youth to learn about the elderly and the elderly to learn about the youth. In conclusion that's why there are so many differences that we should learn about. It's important to learn about each other because we don't know much about the past and you don't know much about the future. We think we do but we really don't. What I mean by this is that our generation hasn't had the same experiences that the elderly have. We haven't seen as many wars as the elderly or even been through half the events they have. What we could do to learn about each other's way of life is we can get together and talk because it is important that we learn about the things we don't know from the people who have actually been through it.

Sincerely,
Kenzie Curtis

Intergenerational Message

By: KamRon Tomlinson

The new generation and the old generation, they are both generations that represent points in time. Both have their way and their fashions, like the seniors of today may seem un-hip and out of fashion, but in their time it was ok to wear things like that and still be seen as a very fashionable person or like we say today, “dipped”. The generation today is all about looking good and being informed about new information in the world. The older one gets the younger one to start to care about all those things like being dressed up and stuff.

There are many things both generations can learn from each other. The new generation can gain knowledge about the past and their experiences in life. That way other people don't make the same mistakes that they may have made. The older generation can learn how the world works today and how we feel about certain things that used to matter a lot back then but don't matter much now.

So in conclusion, all generations are useful to the other and you are never too old or too young to learn something new about the other.

The Importance of Intergenerational Bonding

Helpful, fun, interesting, and persuasive, these are just some of the words that describe elderly people. Spending time with other generations is a wonderful thing, especially when they are giving you good advice. Good advice can help you with trouble in the long run such as, relationships, school, and every day life. Elderly people are very wise, even though they get frustrated at times because of the lack of knowledge of recent news, electronics, and kids today. If we spent more time with the elderly and less time focusing on our self inflicted wants they would understand these things. We must “bridge the gap” between us. We have a lot we can learn from each other. I appreciate the time, advice, and fun that I have when we talk. Many people don’t understand why I have so much fun visiting with the elderly. When my friends ask me I let them know about the great talks that I have and how much fun we have playing games. (Intergenerational bonding is a way to bring all generations together, young and old, by giving us a way to talk and communicate.)

Shannon Franklin
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Building Bridges

Building Bridges to the future you must first look to the past, so what better way to look to your past then to sit with someone who's been there and done that. Some people may refer to them as the elderly but I prefer to acknowledge them as the wise. The wise are able to teach us things that they have experienced firsthand and give advice that will help avoid mistakes in our future.

It has been my experience that the wise and the young have a lot in common. Although they are wise, they still enjoy learning new things with technology and games. The one major thing that I learned during this experience was that you should be more optimistic and appreciative about life which could ultimately build a more positive bridge to the future.

Building Bridges

Dear Booth Manor,

Thanks for letting us visit you. We enjoyed spending a lot of time with you. I have learned to have fun when you're young because you're not an adult forever. When we first came to Booth Manor I didn't know what to expect. I thought we were going to just sit and talk to each other. I had a lot of fun when I visited. We played a lot of games. We also talked about school and activities. What I have experienced is that just because you're at an old age you can still have fun and share laughter.

Sincerely,

Alexandria

Intergenerational Relationships

I enjoyed coming here to Booth Manor. The experience was fun and I had a great time. I have always had a perception about old people that they were really boring and just sit around the house after retirement. But going to Booth Manor changed my whole perception about them all. They actually still like to have fun. They like to play games such as Sorry, Dominoes and card games such as Uno, Skip-Bo and Kings Corner. I found out that they all really love to play card games.

I learned that the elderly really enjoy being around young people. I think more young people should be in more intergenerational relationships. They teach you a whole lot and you learn a whole lot. I think it's important for the youth to learn more about the elderly and the elderly to learn more about the youth. One reason is because they've been through what we're going through and it's kind of nice getting advice from them. I enjoy being around the elderly, just as long as they don't smell like moth balls.

By Kiyana Couser

Connecting With the Elderly

I enjoyed spending time with all of the people I worked with at Booth Manor. I especially enjoyed working with a certain woman who likes to play Skip-Bo. The reason I mentioned that was that young people can connect with the elderly by simply having fun and doing things that they like doing. The ways I feel that the elderly woman and I connected were by sharing about ourselves and even sharing a joke or two. That's the kind of thing that young people and elderly people need to do to get to know each other and connect. So in conclusion I feel the way for young people to connect with the elderly is by simply getting to know each other and spending a little time together.

By: Quentin Neal

Young or Old

By: Brittnee McConnell

Young or Old
We're sort of the same
Young or Old
But we have different names
Young or Old
We can smile as bright as the sun
Young or Old
We like to have fun
Young or Old
We're all children at heart
Young or Old
We're all smart
Young or Old
We show good leadership skills
Young or Old
We have family meals
Young or Old
We have family feuds
Young or Old
We like to try something new
Young or Old
We have different beliefs
Young or Old
We know our ABC's Young or old
We love life

The Youth and the Experienced

Dear Booth Manor Residents,

Coming to Booth Manor has improved how I see others' point of view. This experience has showed me that no matter what age you are you can still have a great time talking about your past or your future with others to make them feel that they are cared about. I have enjoyed learning about the residents of Booth Manor. They have talked with me and many others about how they met their love ones and what they did or do that makes them feel good about themselves. I have learned so much coming here for my FCCLA class. They have taught me that you can enjoy the company of anyone of any age. I want to thank all the people that I have sat down and talked to for the last two and a half months about how they feel about the many different things that have gone on in the past year or that might happen in the future.

Sincerely,

KayLee Gentry

“Appreciation”

By: JoNneka Okwara

Knowledge...
Be it new or Be it old.
This should be
The key thing
We all should uphold.

Knowledge...
It is found in
The aged and wise.
They give us

Lessons on life...
What they've seen with their own eyes.

They didn't have
Computers in their day.
They used what they had
And went on their way.

The stories they have for us
Can be used for generations.
The knowledge we can gain

From them...
We should show our
Appreciation.