



Intergenerational Messages 2006



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How do you feel about older and younger generations? Well I think that it is a good idea to spend time with different ages than your own because it brings people happiness. I also think it is a good way to show your community you care. I think you should always try to have fun, while making people happy. We're all the same, just different ages. One time we went to the Life Care Center in Grandview and we met a woman that was so nice, funny, and creative. She just showed me that just because she's older doesn't mean she's different.

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The only differences between people are age, gender, and race. Though we all are very different in many ways that should not affect personal relationships.

The reason why young people should befriend elderly people is because it helps your personal character. Even though it may seem weird, people appreciate your company. It's not just the elderly; young people appreciate when you listen to them also. Friends are friends, and no matter how old you are, you should still be able to get along. Before you judge someone about their age, or how you look, take a look at yourself and see if you're the person you think you are. Try and talk to someone older than you, and you'll see that most of the things you've done, they have already done, and there's a lot of things you can relate to.

By: Phillip Grandview
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I have been visiting with older people for the last past couple of days. I learned a lot about them that I didn't even know. They can be mean but also very nice, but they have their reasons for their emotional changes. I respect older people a lot, they came along way and went through a lot. Other people around them and their family members should respect them. Other people treat them badly and take advantage of them. But they shouldn't do that because they might need them plus they have feelings as well.

By: Evelyn Grandview
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We think, that it is good for teenagers to have relationships with old people because we can learn from each other and we can learn about each other. I think it is good for teens to have a relationship with elderly people because we are able to learn important life lessons from them. Teens and elderly can share their experiences from their generations. Also teens look up to elderly people because we think that they are good role models. Sometimes us teens can make the elderly happy by having relationships with them as far as helping them, talking with them and just interacting with them. We think that it's good to have relationships with little kids because they look up to us as role models. They mimic us and I think that we should show responsibility to them right from wrong. We also think that we have that we have to show them right from wrong because little kids are our future.

Intergenerational relationships are very important for kids, teens, young adults, adults and senior citizens. We should take advantage of these relationships and learn from them.

By: Monique
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This message goes out to people of all ages. Somehow we all got stuck thinking that we're better than one another. If we actually stop and think, open our minds, then we would realize that we could learn a lot from one another. Younger people need to realize that a little help/advice from someone who has been in your shoes before could give you an advantage to your situation. On the other hand, unbelievably, older people could learn things/ gain information from younger people. I believe that if we all join and no one person has any feeling(s) of superiority, that everything would be wonderful.

By: Meghean
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It is helpful to the world to form the bonds between the generations because they were there to see the issues, the wars, and the births of the next generation. Everything cannot simply be contained to books or paper. Some of the best of the past can be passed from person to person by telling the stories your grandmother told you. The story that came from my great-grandmother is passed down to me. The emotion is best not contained in a book. You don't hear most war stories from books. I heard them from my grandmother. I will pass the stories down to my children. I am already telling my niece these stories.

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