

Lindon

# CHARACTER

Connection



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Community and Character

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*Good Character Is About: Knowing the Good, Loving the Good, Doing the Good*  
-Thomas Lickona

Character is defined as personal moral or ethical strength or reputation. It can refer to simply one person or a group of people and even an entire community. The city of Lindon, is a community of character.

Lindon is a city built on character traits of honesty, integrity and respect. Those character traits that we identify with as a city come from you, the people who live here. They reflect how each of you goes about your daily activities as you interact with each other.

As we see summer begin to wane we feel the excitement that comes with the beginning of a new school year. We can ask ourselves, "What can I do to make my community better?"

Here are a few suggestions;

### **Volunteer!**

Reach out and help your fellow man through volunteer efforts. Utah is recognized nationally as a state that logs more volunteer hours than any place in the country. Keep up the tradition. Give some of your time to make the community better.

### **Be a good neighbor!**

Get to know the people around you and help them when they are in need. A friendly greeting to a neighbor can make a more pleasant day for everyone.

### **Cooperate!**

Everything won't always go the way you want it, or expect it. Agree to disagree agreeably, don't be offended, and move ahead in a positive direction.

### **Respect the laws and city ordinances!**

The ordinances and laws of the city were put in place by councils and legislators made up of, we the people.

There are no special degrees required to serve in government. Laws and ordinances are based on the collective knowledge of individual citizens doing their best to do what is right for the community. Respect law enforcement officers and more importantly get to know them on a first name basis. They are your friends.

### **Get to know the history and traditions of Lindon!**

Lindon is rich in history and traditions. As we understand our history and the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, it teaches us respect and appreciation for what we have become. We have an active historical preservation committee that works hard to maintain traditions and keep us informed about our history. Lindon Day's activities, the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, and our Memorial Day celebration are a few traditional events available to each of us.

We live in, what I believe to be, the finest city in America. Lindon City is filled with people of good character. Enjoy every minute of life and don't let opportunity pass you by.

*Jim Dain,* Lindon Mayor

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The true perfection of man lies not in what man has, but in what man is."

~ Oscar Wilde ~

# Book List



“The Library”

*by Sarah Stewart*

“The Gardener”

*by Sarah Stewart*

“The Paper Dragon”

*by Marguerite Davol*

“The Best Town in the World”

*by Byrd Baylor*

“The Signmaker’s Assistant”

*by Tedd Arnold*

“Officer Buckle and Gloria”

*by Peggy Rathman*

## Family Activities

**\*\*Ask children which character trait they feel is most important in business, in the family, in sports, etc. Have children draw a “coat of arms” illustrating positive character traits for which they would like to be known.**

**\*\*Cut a paper chain of people. Label each paper person as a community member (policeman, librarian, student, etc.) Talk about how they work together to make a wonderful community. We are all an important “piece in the puzzle” or “link in the chain.”**

**\*\*Community responsibility also means taking care of our environment. As a family: pick up litter, sponsor a recycling project, write to an appropriate business about an environmental issue, or make an art project out of recycled paper.**



## Definitions of Community & Character

**Community** is a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government. It is a group or class that have common interests.

**Character** is the combination of qualities or values that distinguish one person, group, or thing from another. It is the combined ethical structure of a group. One’s character is one’s moral or ethical strength or reputation.

**Lindon Character Connection** is a group of parents, teachers, business and religious leaders who met over 20 years ago to formulate an education curriculum which would teach shared community values to the Lindon Elementary School children. Our goal was to “connect” the home and family, the teachers and schools and the business and religious communities in teaching and using these shared values. Thousands of hours have been donated to this cause by the many parents, teachers and community leaders who have supported the teaching of values to the children of Lindon. The Lindon Character Connection has been, is and always will be dedicated to teaching and developing shared values in the community, and its belief that the heart of a strong community is the home. With the support now of all of our Lindon schools, and our whole community we see a bright future for our citizens and especially our children!

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*Lindon Character Connection is a not-for-profit organization encouraging the enhancement of character development in our community. We are accepting volunteer or financial support. If you can help please send contributions to: Lindon Character Connection c/o Lindon City 100 North State St., Lindon, Utah 84042-1808 (You may also give your donation to any executive board member.)*

