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Character Counts Essay

“THE SUPER PILLARS”

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Glenview, Illinois is an interesting community. We are only miles away from the huge city of Chicago but Glenview feels like a world of its own. I am a secret superhero sneaking around Glenview but I'm not the only one. My superpower is caring, that's why those who know me call me "Captain Caring" I am one of six superheroes who specialize in trustworthiness, citizenship, responsibility, fairness, caring, and respect. We sneak around Glenview, spreading our characteristics of strength, we are called "The Pillars!" As powerful as we are, our main goal is clear.... Share our strengths throughout the community without any community members realizing we even exist.

I earned the name "Captain Caring" the hard way. I used to be kind of not nice or thoughtful. Forgetting people's names, not paying attention to their facial expressions, and basically being selfish. My life was easy and I only cared about myself, but I was very lonely. Then one day I searched around Glenview looking for some friends. I looked at the park center, the library, playgrounds and no one

wanted to spend time with me because they remembered how I only cared about myself. I decided to change my attitude, care less about myself and more about others. I tried and tried, it took some time but I finally met five friends who saw how caring I was and asked me to join their crew. We call ourselves "The Pillars" and we sneak throughout Glenview sharing our individual strengths around the town.

You will see "respect" when people say the Pledge of Allegiance in their classrooms. You will see "trustworthiness" when you see someone turn in a wallet to the lost and found. You will see "fairness" on the playground when everyone gets a turn on the swings. You will see "citizenship" when people march in the Fourth of July parade. You will see "responsibility" when the snow plows are out clearing our roads after a storm. Finally, you will see "caring" with a helping hand or friendly smile. "The Pillars" of Glenview are all around us, you should be a superhero too.