



# Care and Share-Gifts

For the earth



Giving gifts shows you care...

For your family



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# You're Never Too Young to Care

## DEAR PARENT OR GUARDIAN,

Your child is participating in a special educational program called **You're Never Too Young to Care** featuring the lovable Care Bears. The program runs in conjunction with the fourth annual **National Care Week**, November 4-10.

Your child is completing a series of classroom activities to promote caring and sharing and to boost reading-readiness, fine-motor development and communication skills.

Look at the pictures from the accompanying activity with your child and talk about how they depict ways they can care—for family and friends, for the community, and for the earth.

### CARING TOGETHER

Try some of the ideas below and create your own family caring and sharing project during **National Care Week**—or any time!

- **SCHOOL**—Have your child make a card of appreciation for the teacher. Include your own note as well.
- **HOME**—Make a special care package for a family member who does not live with you. Include family photos and a letter to catch them up on family news.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD**—Help an elderly or sick neighbor. Offer to do grocery shopping (your child can hold the neighbor's list), yard work (your little one can help rake or pull weeds), or simply retrieve mail. Visit [www.1-800-volunteer.org](http://www.1-800-volunteer.org) and look for the Family Cares Hurricane Helper section.
- **EARTH**—Think green! Buy products that come in recyclable packaging, purchase rechargeable batteries, and wrap birthday party gifts in recyclable bags that your child decorates.

### CARE TO READ

Check your local library or bookstore for these great books on caring and sharing:

- A Friend is Someone Who Likes You*, by Joan Walsh Anglund.  
Orlando: Harcourt, 1983.
- I Can Share*, by Karen Katz. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2004.
- The Earth and I*, by Frank Asch. Orlando: Harcourt, 1994.
- The Important Book*, by Margaret Wise Brown. New York: HarperTrophy, 1990.
- Will I Have a Friend?*, by Miriam Cohen and Lillian Hoban.  
New York: Aladdin, 1989.

### CARE BEARS BOOKS FROM SCHOLASTIC

- Care Bears: Busy, Busy, Sunny Day*  
*Care Bears: Caring Contest*  
*Care Bears: Lucky Day*  
*Care Bears: The Day Nobody Shared*  
*Care Bears: What Makes You Happy?*

Go to [www.care-bears.com](http://www.care-bears.com) for more caring and sharing ideas.

### MEET A CARE BEAR AT THE SHARE-A-STORY™ BOOK DRIVE

**National Care Week** kicks off on November 4th at selected malls around the country, with a special **Share-a-Story™ Book Drive**. It encourages children to help needy people by sharing the love of reading. Have your child bring new or gently used books for readers of all ages to the mall. All books will be donated to the leading global charity, *Gifts in Kind International*.

#### Your child will:

- Meet a Care Bear
- Enjoy story time
- Have his or her face painted
- And participate in lots more fun, exciting Care Bears activities.

Be sure to visit [www.care-bears.com](http://www.care-bears.com) for the name of a participating mall near you.

If this event is not taking place at a mall near you, have your child bring a book to class. Your school will donate it to a worthy organization in your community. Ask your child's teacher for details.



# Care and Share—Stories

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Here's my favorite character.



# Care and Share-Feelings



These faces show feelings. Can you tell what they are?



Amigo Bear has called to find out how you are feeling today. What will you tell him?

I feel \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### DEAR PARENT/CAREGIVER:

Meet a Care Bear and help your child learn to care and share. On **November 4th**, your child can meet a Care Bear, participate in fun activities and be part of the **Share-a-Story™ Book Drive** to help kick off National Care Week. Visit [www.care-bears.com](http://www.care-bears.com) to find out if a mall near you is participating. If not, your child can participate by donating gently used books to their classroom book drive. Be sure to look for the Care Bears Caring Kit with downloadable parent-child caring and sharing activities at [www.care-bears.com](http://www.care-bears.com), too.

