

Character Community



E-News



A Town of Richmond Hill initiative.

A Town of Richmond Hill Character Community monthly e-letter

June is Honesty

*I will be sincere, trustworthy
and truthful.*

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Blog Shares Tales of Honesty & Good Deeds



HONESTY BLOG

A BLOG ABOUT HONESTY & GOOD DEEDS.

READ, VOTE, COMMENT, SHARE

Pocketbook Found on East Side of Manhattan - Honesty Story #23

November 28, 2007

This is an inspiring story about a person that decides to take the time out of her plans and schedule to return a pocketbook she found to its owner.

My sister Fran who lives in Atlanta came to New York and last night I went out to dinner with her, my mother and her girlfriend Toni. One I stepped out of the building there was Toni, very excited with a pocketbook she had just found right there on the sidewalk on E. 48th St between Lexington Ave and 3rd Ave. We looked inside and there was everything; wallet, cash, cell phone cards, etc. etc. etc.

After a short discussion about where we should turn it in, Toni decided to call people's # on the lady's cell phone who might know the lady. After a few phone calls we got in touch with a relative who somehow got in touch with the owner of the pocketbook. We went to the restaurant, proceeded to have dinner and within 2 hours the ladies husband contacted us, came back to the restaurant, and retrieved the pocketbook intact with all its contents.

We all commended Toni on her full and complete honesty and the good deed she had performed. By the way, the husband was grateful enough also to invite us to a bottle of wine at our table. A good night was had by all, and Toni should be especially commended for her honesty and diligence in getting that pocketbook into its owners' hands.

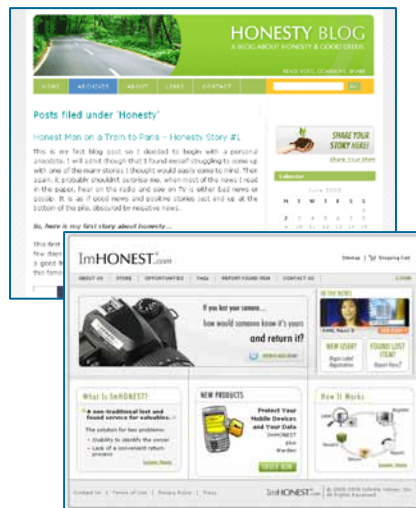
Sent in by Sergio Robin

ImHONEST.com & HonestyBlog.com

What began from an "honest" misplacement of a wallet turned into an idea that now shares tales of honesty and good deeds from people from around the globe and restores people's faith in human nature.

ImHONEST.com is a non-traditional lost and found service whose success relies on people's honesty. HonestyBlog.com was created to share some of those stories with others.

Read this story above and more on HonestyBlog.com. Be sure to submit your own stories of honesty and show how honest people really are despite all the stories of despair we see daily in the news.



- The Amici Centre
- Arts Richmond Hill Inc.
- Between Friends
- Catholic Community Services of York Region
- Community Living York South
- The Curtain Club
- Girl Guides of Canada York South Div.
- Helpmate Community Information
- Hill House Hospice
- Ja'fari Islamic Housing
- Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
- Lions Club of Richmond Hill
- Music to Care for Your Life
- Optimist Club of Richmond Hill
- Region Of York Recreationists (ROYR)
- Richmond Hill Aquatic Club
- Richmond Hill Canoe Club
- Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Richmond Hill Community Food Bank
- Richmond Hill Community Sports Council
- Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club
- Richmond Hill Rams Hockey Club
- Richmond Hill Community Soccer Association
- Richmond Hill Social & Bocce Club
- Richmond Hill Training Centre
- Richmond Hill Winter Carnival
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #375
- Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of Richmond Hill
- St. Matthew's United Church Health Cabinet
- Stroke Recovery Network
- Top o' the Hill Co-operative Nursery School
- Volunteer Association of York Central Hospital
- Wilderness Lifeskills of Youth Inc.
- York Region Support Group of Parents of ADHD Kids

How to Be Honest



Do you ever wonder if you should tell the truth to keep from hurting someone's feelings? You might want to read this article before this happens, or to know that you weren't totally lying.

1. Remember that honesty is the basis of any relationship, whether with a friend or a significant other. Honesty gives rise to trust, which is absolutely essential. Lying to your friend can ruin a relationship almost instantly, if the lie is significant.
2. Consider the person with whom you must be honest. If he or she is shy or sensitive, then don't be brash and to the point. If it is a close friend with whom you can tell anything, then inform your friend accordingly. Adapt to your friend's personality and convey the necessary message properly.



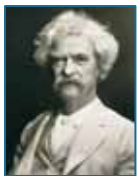
Last Chance For A Booth At Canada Day

This is your last chance to reserve your booth for the Canada Day Home Show at Richmond Green on July 1. Remember, the booths are **free for Character Community Organizations only!** Contact Risa Healey at (905) 771-5489 or rhealey@richmondhill.ca.

Honesty Quotes



"The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjustment on his bathroom scale."
~Arthur C. Clark



"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything."
~Mark Twain



"If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it."
~Marcus Aurelius

Next Month's Attribute:
July is Integrity

Without Being Harsh

3. Recognize some potential situations where the truth is necessary, but where a white lie might not be reasonable.

Tips:

- It's easier to hear the truth from a friend than from an acquaintance or stranger. If you aren't particularly close to a person with whom you would like to be honest, but you still want to convey your message, then ask someone who is close to that person. For example, you might tell this person's close friend that he or she has bad breath, rather than tell the person, yourself.
- Remember — take note of the person with whom you want to be honest, and adjust your tone accordingly. That is, don't be over-the-top with a quiet and shy person.
- In short, don't be rude. There are other ways to inform someone of something without directly hurting his or her feelings.

Get Your Very Own Character T-Shirt!

Have you seen the Character Community t-shirts around town and would like one for yourself? Well, you can now buy them not only in adult sizes (S-XL at \$15 each), but youth sizes (XS-XL at \$12 each) as well! Please contact Risa Healey to order your t-shirt at (905) 771-5489 or rhealey@richmondhill.ca



Character Around The World!

Town of Richmond Hill Councillor Greg Beros poses in his Character Community t-shirt at the Great Wall in China. We want to see you show your character around the world too so send us a picture of you wearing your Character Community t-shirt to mlipkus@richmondhill.ca to be included in a future issue. Don't have a t-shirt? Don't worry, see the details above on how you can get one for yourself!

Character Community E-News is a monthly e-mail newsletter to share information about upcoming events within our organization and beyond. If you would like to contribute upcoming Character Community event information, story ideas or photos, please forward it to the Editor, Michelle Lipkus, at mlipkus@richmondhill.ca.