

Does Love Conquer All?

Dear Carole,
Do you believe that love conquers all?

"In love at last"

Dear In Love at last,
Love alone cannot conquer all. But love + faith + hope + commitment + hard work + change + growth may conquer all.

Carole

Dear Carole,
Our two children are close in age. They are only 19 months apart. They are extremely jealous of each other. We thought by now that the girls would outgrow some of their jealousy but at their ages of 11 and 12 they seem worse than ever.

We don't know whether to let them be together or keep them apart. What should we do?

Worn Our Parents



Carole's Corner

By Carole Ricks

Dear Worn Out Parents,

Although your daughters are close in age, remember they are two separate people. Treat them as individuals. If possible, give each daughter her own room. Allow each daughter to decorate her room according to her own choices. Teach your daughters to respect the privacy of each other's rooms and belongings.

Encourage separate friendships and social activities. The fewer material items and relationships

the girls share, the better. Forced or strained sharing may only increase the tension between the girls. You and your husband should plan to alternate sharing time with each daughter. On the other hand, do plan a few activities which your daughters can share. Let them work together and play together occasionally but not often. It takes years before they learn to accept each other. But respect for their differences, but you, may reduce the jealousy.

Carole

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Phillis McNair demonstrates how to make corsages to members of the Happy Planter's Club at the West Charlotte Community Center recently. After a light snack, McNair taught the group how

to prepare corsages using one or more flowers, ribbons, net, wire and tape. The workshop was hosted by the Charlotte Garden Club Council.



Volunteer Week

Raleigh - Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed April 26 - May 2, 1987 as "National Volunteer Week in North Carolina." The Governor is urging all citizens to take this opportunity to recognize volunteer contributions to North Carolina, and extend appreciation to those who have given of themselves.

"Volunteers really do make a difference in North Carolina," Governor Martin stated in his proclamation. "Virtually every single area of health care or community service has been touched and improved upon by the hand of a volunteer."

"Seventy percent of our North Carolina citizens volunteer at one time or another to help those in their communities who need assistance," the Governor added. "Our is a state where 'neighbor helping neighbor' is more than a catch phrase; to us it is a way of life."

Human Resources Secretary David T. Flaherty pointed out that volunteerism is the key to many of the goals of Governor Martin's administration.

"Volunteers are a vital part of what makes North Carolina such a great state," Secretary Flaherty said. "Both Governor Martin and I believe that citizen involvement is essential in providing effective services to the people in our state who need them. While there are limits to what government can do, there seems to be no limit what volunteers can do."

Will Lindsey, director of DHR's Office of Volunteer Services characterizes the work of volunteers as "critical" in meeting the needs of the poor, the sick and the hungry. Lindsey called volunteers "North Carolina's greatest resource, giving of their time to make their community and their state better places in which to live."

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\$5,000 Raised For "Give A Youth A Chance" Day

A few months ago, the Charlotte Housing Authority sponsored "Give A Youth A Chance" day. Each member of participating black churches were asked to donate \$1 to help send a young black student to college.

As a result of that fundraising drive, John Crawford, director of Youth Services announced that over \$5,000 were raised from this appeal.

"This was a special effort to get the Black community involved in supporting the Housing authority Scholarship Fund on an annual basis. We certainly believe that 'charity begins at home and spreads abroad; the support of the churches has verified this. We appreciate, not only the churches, but the individuals and businesses who participated in the fundraising drive at this time."

Printed below is a listing of the churches, businesses and individuals who are "giving youth a chance":

- Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, Chappell Memorial Baptist Church, First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, First Baptist Church-West, Little Rock AME Zion Church, Silver Mount Baptist Church, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church, South Tryon Presbyterian Church, Galilean Baptist Church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Statesville Avenue Baptist Church, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church, the Fairview Homes Residents Organization, South Boulevard Chrysler-Plymouth, Missionary Baptist Ushers Union, National Alumni Foundation of Second Ward, Metrolina Association of Black Social Workers, General Baptist Convention, the Belvedere Homes Community, John T. Massey, Dr. Harold S. Pride, Dr. Gloria Washington, Joyce C. Crump, W.G. Byers, Darryl Johnson, Patricia Lipssett, T.M. Marting, Dr. Jerry Jones, Mabel Belton, Dr. Marilyn Bell Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Graham, and E. Gayle Bell.

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