

Community Leadership

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Leadership is not solely determined by fame or recognition. Although many great leaders in history were famous, their accomplishments, diligence, and altruistic mindsets are what made them great leaders. These qualities can be found in communities around the world. Everyday people make great changes in society by rendering the smallest contributions.

When a great leader is mentioned, many people come to mind. Such as Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr. Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president during the American Civil War. He ended slavery by passing the Emancipation Proclamation. His leadership traits were his determination, persistence, beliefs, and courage. George Washington was one of the founding fathers of the United States of America. He was the driving force of the American Revolution and the first president of the United States. Washington was a great leader because of his foresight, good judgement, logistical planning, and the competence to lead people to success. Martin Luther King Jr. made a huge impact on the civil rights movement through nonviolent activism, by speaking his thoughts on segregation throughout the country of America. His speech "I Have a Dream" inspired many people across the country to act against segregation legislature. All three of these admirable leaders share common characteristics. They all started out small, making a difference in their own communities.

There are many ways that everyday people make tremendous impacts on their community. Small actions and good deeds can create a wide spread ripple effect. Community is defined as a group of people living in the same area or having a particular characteristic in common. Great leaders can be the defining factor in any community, big or small. Every person can be a leader through acts of positivity and charity, understanding the needs of others, and making random acts of kindness a part of your everyday life. These actions might include volunteering at local organizations such as food banks, shelters, or youth centers. Neighborhood

enhancement that includes trash cleanup, painting, and maintaining outdoor common areas can be a great way to give back to others.

When I think about being a great leader, the first thing I think of is my little brother. Being a successful role model for him is very similar to being a leader in my community. I work hard in school and maintain good grades, this shows him that working hard pays off. I volunteer and do work in the community through Beta Club activities showing him that caring for others is an important part of life. I work hard in organized sports, showing him that teamwork and self-discipline create lasting relationships that are beneficial and worthwhile. I also participate in my eighth-grade student council as the vice president. Here, I work to communicate the needs of others and ensure that the needs of my school are met. Although these things do not make me famous, I can hope my actions create a lasting impact on not only my little brother, but my entire community as well.