

C.A.R.E.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once stated that people should have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity, quality and freedom for their spirit. I agree. That's why I created C.A.R.E. (Communities Acting Responsibly for Everyone). There are four parts to C.A.R.E.

The first part of C.A.R.E. is the clothing drive. Things like coats, shoes, hats and other everyday clothes are collected from people in my neighborhood. This promotes the dignity part of Martin's quote. People feel dignified when they have something clean to wear.

The second part of C.A.R.E. is the food drive. We give holiday meals and other food to families who need it. This ties into Martin's quote about the three meals for the body. People feel a whole lot better when they have something to eat.

The third part of C.A.R.E. is the C.A.R.E. Box. The C.A.R.E. Box holds the everyday necessities for everyday needs such as shampoo, soap, tissues and toothbrushes. Donations would be placed in a small box, and would be distributed to the families who need them. This goes along with Martin's quote as well and it also promotes dignity. People feel great about themselves if they are clean.

The fourth and final part of C.A.R.E. is the book drive. We would collect new or gently used books to promote education. People feel more confident when they can read and write.

And so, I feel that C.A.R.E. promotes equality because it includes everyone who might need anything. I created C.A.R.E. because I wanted to help those less fortunate than myself. C.A.R.E. has two meanings. The first is its acronym meaning (Communities Acting Responsibly for Everyone) and the second is the meaning of the word care. That word means to go out of your way for someone and to make sacrifices for them. I agree, and I think Martin Luther King, Jr. would, too.

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