

# Friends in the Community

A class at Hillside Elementary School in Wisconsin has made some special friends. Their teacher started a program called Forever Friends. The children visit elders who live in the community. Everyone chooses a special friend.



United States

Brookfield,  
Wisconsin

Sometimes the elders visit the school. Then the friends read and write stories together.



They go on field trips, too. They have been to the fire station and the zoo.

The children and elders like being together. "It's great fun to be with the kids and hear what they have to say," said Mrs. O'Neill. "Just going places together is a lot of fun!"



## What Can You Do?

- ★ Find out about a place where elders live in your community. Write letters to them.
- ★ Invite an elder friend to visit your school and share a story.



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for additional resources.