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### *Resources for: Building a Neighborhood*

Our mission is to assist congregations in finding and using the very best resources available to address the practical challenges they face. This resource list was developed to supplement the *Building a Neighborhood Together* workshop sponsored by the Center and led by Hedda Sharapan, associate producer with Family Communications and “ambassador” for *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*. The workshop focused on the concept of “loving your neighbor as yourself” as highlighted in the work of Fred Rogers. Participants in the workshop learned how to facilitate a neighborhood build in intergenerational groups in their congregations. Sharapan recommends the following resources to congregations and families.

*Family Communications, Inc.* Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Family Communications, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1971 by Fred Rogers as the production company for *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Family Communications develops projects in all media, provides education and training for people who work with young children and consults on issues that affect families. The website at [www.fci.org](http://www.fci.org) is chock full of resources for parents and professionals who work with children.

Rogers, Fred. *The Giving Box: Create a Tradition of Giving with Your Children*. Philadelphia, PA: Running Press Book Publishers, 2000.

This set includes a hardback book and accompanying colorful collection box to help parents talk with their children about the notion of generosity and charity. Along with Fred Rogers' insights into the way children understand giving and receiving, there are multicultural folk tales and suggested activities for collecting and donating money, as well as ideas for families to become involved in service. *The Giving Box* encourages families to discover the meaning and joy in giving and receiving.

Rogers, Fred. *Many Ways to Say I Love You: Wisdom for Parents and Children from Mister Rogers*. New York, NY: Hyperion, 2006.

Inspirational words on parenting from the beloved Fred Rogers, showing appreciation for parents whose children are grown as well as giving advice to those parents raising young ones.

Rogers, Fred. *The World According to Mister Rogers*. New York, NY: Hyperion, 2003.

Culled from Fred Rogers' speeches, program transcripts, books, letters, and interviews, along with some of his never-before-published writings, *The World According to Mister Rogers* is a testament to the legacy of a man who served and continues to serve as a role model to millions.