

City shows character through compassion

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Prattville models a "Community of Character" by its Show of Compassion. Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others — This is the definition of compassion, which is the character trait for the month of March. What timing. In the aftermath of the tornado on Feb. 17, the residents of Prattville have witnessed many acts of kindness and expressions of compassion.

Volunteers have honored residents affected by the damage

of the storm by giving numerous hours of their time to assist with clean-up efforts. Businesses have also come to the aid of our citizens by providing a tremendous amount of resources for the cleanup; rakes, shovels, gloves, boxes, cleaning supplies, and meals to the needy and to the workers are just a few things they provided. Churches and local organizations made themselves available by providing the much needed moral support and counsel, as well as physical space, needs, and financial support, when possible.

A local shelter was established to provide a place to sleep for those families whose homes had been destroyed, but closed down after 1 day because no one showed up to stay the night. So where were those families? With you! Their neighbors, friends, and relatives.

Prattville has shown its colors in a most marvelous way by exhibiting compassion in its finest form. Every one from City officials right down to the errand people have contributed and pulled together in a way that exemplifies what a model "Community of Character" looks like. Thank you Prattville!

The Prattville Autauga Character Coalition spotlights one character trait a month to make the public aware that character development is something that starts on a personal level, yet impacts every single one of us on a community level. To find out more about the Character Coalition "Visions of Character" and how to start a character development initiative within your business, organization, or simply within your sphere of influence, contact Mary Beth Pritchard, Executive Director, at 365-7392 or email: pacharacter@att.net.

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