

### Good Works Can Lead To Good Grades

(NAPSA)—According to a recent study, community service can help young students make the grade. American students who volunteer in their community or are motivated to volunteer are more likely to earn above-average grades in school.

That's one reason parents who are eager to help their children have a successful school year may consider helping them volunteer in the community. Sixty percent of more than 1,000 American parents surveyed by Ipsos Public Affairs for Kumon Math and Reading Centers indicated that their children who are performing at an above-average level in school are already volunteering, are interested in community service or are encouraged to volunteer.

Ninety-eight percent of parents of children who perform at an above-average level at school and participate in volunteer activities agree that their child's community involvement helps them succeed both in and out of the classroom. Moreover, 80 percent of those parents believe that their children's educational experiences inspire them to become more involved in volunteering and charitable acts.

These young volunteers are not only experiencing success in school; they are inspiring others to join their efforts. More than a third of parents whose children volunteer said they were inspired to become more involved in the community because of their child's efforts.



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“Volunteering offers children the chance to see that they can make a difference in their community,” said Dr. Mary Mokris, educational specialist with Kumon Math and Reading Centers. “That empowers them to take ownership of their life and their education so that they can give more back.”

She believes today's children are becoming role models for their parents and peers, demonstrating how to get involved and make a difference. Added Mokris, “It's inspiring but not surprising to see the connection between education and social responsibility.”

To learn about volunteer opportunities, Dr. Mokris and Kumon suggest visiting your city hall, library or school.

More information is available online at [www.kumon.com](http://www.kumon.com) or by calling (800) ABC-MATH.