



About Heroes Live Here™

What is Heroes Live Here?

2010 Legacies Now has developed Heroes Live Here to encourage children and youth to discover what makes a hero heroic, to celebrate the everyday heroes in their own lives, and to act heroically themselves through projects that reach out to their community. Heroes Live Here is a model - a flexible guide for community educators, from teachers and coaches to camp leaders and youth group guides - and can be easily modified and adapted to suit school-based or community-based programs for children and youth in kindergarten through Grade 12.

What does Heroes Live Here look like?

The Heroes Live Here model leads participants through three steps: discover the heroes' stories; celebrate the heroes among us; and choose to act heroically. In the first step, participants learn to identify and define the attributes of heroism after hearing examples of heroic stories and learning through multi-media presentations, interactive lessons and games. In step two, participants discover the everyday heroes in their community, identify a hero who has touched their lives, and work together to create inspirational stories using a range of media resources. And finally, participants are presented with the opportunity to act heroically by creating and sustaining a project that will benefit their community.

What is the benefit of Heroes Live Here?

In schools, the study of heroes applies across the curriculum at all grade levels. Heroes Live Here can be an integral part of units focusing on social responsibility, or the arts and media literacy. It can also be a tool for improving reading comprehension and developing writing skills.

In the community, Heroes Live Here can be used to enrich youth leadership programs, such as Scouts and Guides, 4H, church groups and sport teams. It can help group leaders and participants reach important objectives, such as building self-esteem, taking responsibility for one's actions, and nurturing both independence and compassion for others.

Heroes Live Here provides opportunities for youth to learn how to produce a product or embark on a community service project, by building relationships with individuals, groups and organizations. It is these relationships and connections that help youth feel like they are a part of the community, with talents and skills that are acknowledged and valued.

You can download a free PDF version of the Heroes Live Here Planning Guide at www.2010LegaciesNow.com/Heroes_Live_Here/. If you would like more information, please email HeroesLiveHere@2010LegaciesNow.com.

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2010 Legacies Now is dedicated to strengthening arts, literacy, sport and recreation, physical activity and volunteerism in communities throughout British Columbia. As a not-for-profit society, 2010 Legacies Now is creating lasting legacies around the province leading up to, and beyond, the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. 2010 Legacies Now is supported by the Province of British Columbia in its efforts to encourage people of all ages to embrace learning through projects like Heroes Live Here.