SCHOOLS

"The GivaGeta cards and program are perfect for the in school team building. We love it when the children are drawn to the cards and utilize them to recognize how their feelings are affecting others and how other people's feelings are affecting them.

"I have found their materials to be a nice fit with our efforts related to the goal of **improving the culture and climate of the district.**
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~ *Gary Mala, Regional District 17 Superintendent of Schools, now Superintendent of Avon Public Schools*

"I like how I can use this in my classroom in line with the already busy curriculum and intertwine it. I don't need to set time away for the games. **They can be part of the lesson.**"
~ *A School Teacher*

“Thank you Jim for presenting this to our PBIS team. These cards are colorful, inspirational and fun for our students and adults. We have recently ordered more kits and have been enjoying the **meaningful conversations these cards help spark** between students and teachers, as well as students and students.”
~ *Melissa P., Waterbury Public Schools*

What do The World's Kindest Playing Cards by GivaGeta Smiles do?
“We found it to be a real useful tool for the kids and even our colleagues. GivaGeta gives an insight on kids and how they work in a group. We pretty much work in a collaborative environment. This gives a sense how kids respond. Sometimes we see this about kids in class. Their activities allows you to really get a sense of Student A and Student B respond. For example, a person who takes a back seat. They allow me, as an advisor, to say I noticed you stepped back and I may ask why they felt uncomfortable or disconnected with the activity. It **cre ates teachable moments**
for "How do you still contribute if you do not like something?"

As in life, there are going to be a lot of times when you will need to do things you do not like, but

still have to do it. In one activity, a student said the answer once then retreated. I asked him why did you stop? Did you realize no one was listening? Or was it you didn't make yourself heard? Then, as a group, was your group actively listening? **It creates experiences that are going to engage kids .** It gives you an opportunity to see them in action. It is difficult to replicate the experience what you can do with the GivaGeta Smiles™ cards as in a classroom setting. GivaGeta gives an advisor or teacher insight on kids. **It is great for Icebreakers, Leadership Programs, Advisee Groups, and is a really, really useful processing tool for K-12 as it resonates with the kids.**
It is even useful amongst my colleagues!"
~ Independent School, Dean of Upper School

UNIFIED SPORTS

"Kat and I would like to thank you so much for a wonderful training session on the GivaGeta program you've developed. It is unique and really works. I know we will have some fun with our kids training and playing with this program. I am very happy to have been given this opportunity by the CIAC/CAS when the kit was presented to us at the Youth Activation Summit. It seems the year just flew by and we never really got to prepare ourselves with this program. But now after seeing it in action, we're convinced it will be **a wonderful teaching tool** for our unified program at Har-Bur. One message I know I've reinforced by participating with your program is that I really never do know where my inspiration, strength, encouragement, or energy will come from, but now I have a program to help me share it with my students in Unified Sports. Thank you again for your inspiration and a great program."
~ Coach Nicki K. and Kat L., Middle School Unified Sports

CAMPS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEVELOP YOUTH

We recommend these cards to anyone that wants to **make a positive impact in children's lives** ."
~ "H" Rothenberg, Camp Director & School Trainer

"Our experience with The World's Kindest Playing Cards was great! They worked out really well for us. This summer (2008) **the cards helped reduce emotional bullying** in girls. We use the cards for self-directed free time activities and gave them as general supplies when the girls arrived.

We use the GIANT size deck with your programming book for interest groups and **creative**

card games .

They are learning life skills that will really help them grow and develop morals that the parents are already looking for.
~ *Megan S., Outdoor Program and Service Manager, Camp Director*

DEFINITELY A 10 ... these are fabulous."
~ *Megan S., Outdoor Program and Service Manager, Camp Director*

"It opens the dialogue and gets kids talking ... Anytime you take something like this and make a game out of it, **kids respond well** to that. You are getting kids to think critically about what these things mean."
~ *Gene M., Camp Airy Louise*