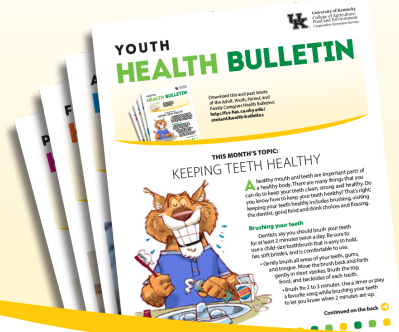


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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

HELP IN TIMES OF DISASTER



"When I was a boy & I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'LOOK FOR THE HELPERS. YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPING.'"

- FRED ROGERS ("MR. ROGERS")



You may see on the news or hear stories at school about scary things going on in the world. Disasters like floods, tornadoes, or war can happen both close to home and far away. You might feel sad, fearful, or worried. It is always good to talk about how you feel with a grown-up you trust, like a parent, grandparent, or teacher.

Try not to spend too much time looking up news stories or posts on social media. Seeing and hearing about scary events can make you feel worse, and it does not help those who are having a hard time.

It is good to find a way to help if a disaster happens

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close to home or affects people you know and love. There are lots of ways, both small and big, to help others in need.

There are many groups that help people affected by disasters. Groups like the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders often send trained volunteers and donations to affected areas. They are good ways to find out what people need and how to get it to them. You may be able to help collect supplies or host a fundraiser, like a bake sale or walk-a-thon, to help.

You may want to check with local groups, like churches, community centers, or the YMCA. They can tell you if there are places that need your help, such as a refugee center, shelter, or group of volunteers planning to go to the affected areas.

There are other ways to help as well. You can support people who have been affected



by disaster by sending cards or encouraging notes to workers, praying, or sending well-wishes. Even small acts of kindness have an effect. It reminds others that they are not alone, and there are people who care about them.

Make a plan that shows who you want to help and how. Talk to your parents or caregivers about your plan. They can help you make contacts and set up any activities you want to do.

Thinking of others and acting on it is a good way to turn your concern, worry, or fear into action. This can help meet others' needs and have a positive impact on you as well. It feels good to help others. It feels good to know you can make a difference in the world, close to home or far away.

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