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The Positive Role Union Members Play in Communities

Princess Diana once said “ Anywhere that I see suffering, that is where I want to be, doing what I can.” Unions share this same idea of morals whenever they lend a helping hand to their community in any way. They work in all conditions, whether it be rain or shine, cold or hot, or storming. They will do a lot in order to help the community. There are many ways union members play a positive role in the community. For instance union members practically make sure the communities are in livable conditions. Union members make sure our homes are built to withstand most storms, make sure our electricity is always running, save us from danger, make sure our community is safe for families, and so much more. If we ever need assistance or are in danger, a union member will most likely be there to help you. Union members make sure we feel safe and comfortable in our community. There are a group of union members I feel make a very positive impact in the community and that is the Teacher’s Union. From a young age, I have realized the impact that teachers have in communities. This is the main of the reason why I am going to college to major in Elementary Education. There are many ways that teachers play a positive role in the community, but the top four are providing education to children, volunteering time after school, being a mentor to their students, and the unwritten job of caring and being there for their students..

Teachers play a very positive role in communities by providing children with an education. Great teachers have a passion for education and can have students enjoying their class after the first day. They work hard to make sure every child gets the education and support they

deserve. Every single teacher wants to see all their students achieve great grades and to be successful. This might not seem true to you at all times, but deep down, the teachers really expect greatness to come from you. Teachers teach children about more than just what is in the books. They teach children about safety, friendships, character, and so much more. This can not be taught in a lesson or textbook. They tell their students about past experiences and warn about future failures. They truly care about each child and want to see them achieve greatness and to be successful in the future.

Along with providing education, another way how teachers play a positive role in communities is that they volunteer their time after school. Teachers do not have to be coaches or be the sponsors of clubs, but they want to. They volunteer their own time to make sure children are having fun and being active outside of school. As coaches, they teach younger children the rules of the game, older children to learn from their mistakes, and teenagers the importance of working together. As club sponsors, they allow students to express themselves in the arts. For instance, my teacher Mr. Iwinski also serves as the leader of the orchestra in the school's annual spring musical. In that club, along with performing music, my bond with Mr. Iwinski also grew. Teachers do not only want to provide us with lessons and homework. They want children to find something that they love to do, and that makes them happy. Most teachers also offer their time after school for students who need help or need someone to talk to. When a teacher uses his or her own time to help a student understand a topic, it lets the student know that his or her teacher believes in them and that he or she is important.

On top of volunteering extra time to their pupils, teachers play a positive role in communities by being role models to their students. Teachers never really leave their job.

Wherever they go, they are still seen as teachers by students. Some people shy away when they see their teachers in public because they did not think their teacher had a life outside of school. On the other hand, some students will run up and say hello because of the wonderful relationship they have with the teacher. Regardless of what a teacher does in public, his or her students are always learning what is right or wrong. A teacher needs to be a good role model so that his or her pupils will follow his or her good morals. Almost everyone has one teacher that made a difference in their life and it is probably the teacher you're thinking about right now. Teachers inspire people to become greater than they really are, to reach their full potential, and to believe in themselves.

Not only do Teachers mentor their students, they also care and are there for their students who are currently going through a rough time. This job is unscripted, and they are not required to do so. However, they chose to help their students. In many cases, a teacher acts as a mediator between friends, or just someone to talk to. Students usually feel comfortable with their teachers, so they often feel that it is easy to confess their problems with them. Teachers can offer good advice to the students and can even pull some strings if it is a major problem. Students trust that teachers will offer assistance to their personal problems.

To conclude, the Union of Teachers act as a positive role in the community. The top four reasons to prove this is how they are educating children, volunteering extra time to care for their students, mentoring their pupils, and support their students through rough times. Union members play a very positive role in the community. The Teachers' Union alone already helps the community so much. This being said the other unions, like the Fraternal Order of Police, Firefighters' Union, Pipefitters, Carpenters, Teamsters and of course the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, help to make sure our lives are safe and our homes are in livable and secure conditions. They serve as role models to our communities.