

## TEN WAYS TO CREATE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. Have independent interests and activities that fulfill you. Never depend on the other person totally to make you feel complete.
- 2. Choose a person that you like and admire and who likes and admires you in return.
- 3. Accept the other person for who she or he is. Never count on someone changing themselves for you.
- 4. Become a good communicator.
- 5. Develop skills to manage conflict without violence.
- 6. Keep the friendship alive.
- 7. Learn what makes the other person feel loved and appreciated.
- 8. Discuss your expectations with each other. Honor any commitments that you make. When each of you behaves in a trustworthy fashion, you can learn to trust each other.
- 9. Respect each other's opinions, limits, need for individual time, etc.
- 10. Know where to get support or help if you need it.