

# Community

## Creating a Sense of Belonging and Value in a Group

### Components of Community formation:

Gibbs J. (2001), *Discovering Gifts in Middle School: Tribes*, CA CenterSource Systems p. 74

1. **Capacity:** Communities are built upon recognizing the whole depth, the strengths, weaknesses, and the unique capacities of each member.
2. **Collective Effort:** Communities share responsibility to achieve goals for the common good, and to engage the diversity of individual talents and skills.
3. **Informality:** Interactions are based on consideration; care and affection take place spontaneously.
4. **Stories:** Reflection upon individual and community experiences provides knowledge about truth, relationships and further direction.

**“To build a sense of community is to create a group that extends to others the respect one has for oneself, to come to know one another as individual, to respond and care about one another, to feel a sense of membership and accountability to the group.”**

Thomas Likona, author on moral development and education

