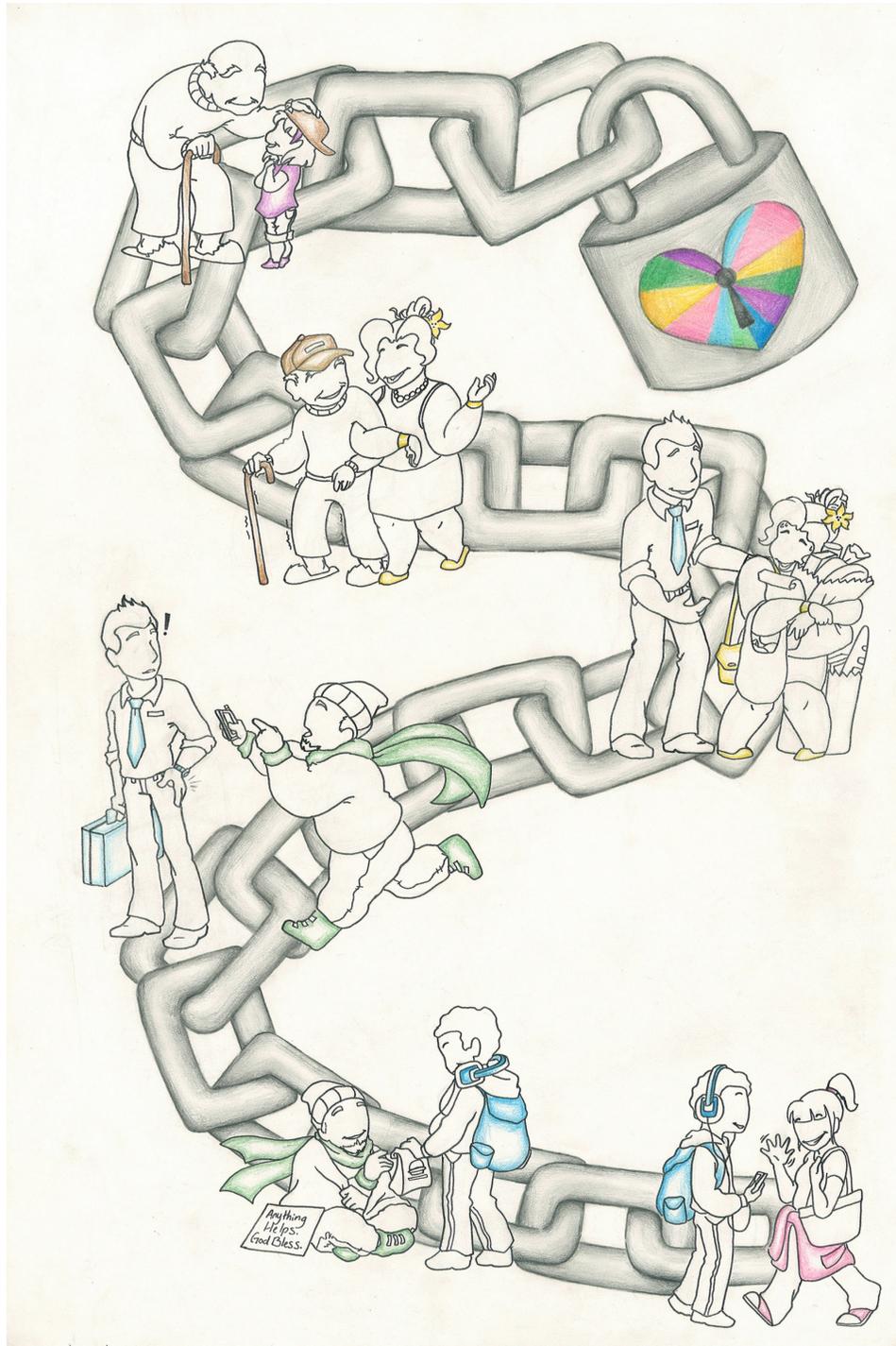




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Kindness is something that is often taken for granted. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to such a precious resource. People tend to become too worried about their own affairs to meddle with the affairs of others, even those who need help. As a result, a sense of community between even the closest of neighbors becomes distant and faded. However, what if I said that all it took to create a more accepting and peaceful community was smile? A simple smile from one person to another can have a compounding effect on the people in a community. How is this possible? One act of random kindness no matter how small, is enough to spark a chain reaction. When someone takes even the smallest amount of time to notice someone else outside of themselves, it acts as an inspiration to a subtle but powerful movement. If every person on Earth were to take just a few moments of their time, mere seconds even, out of their life to help another, just think of how many more people in this world would be happier. I hope to contribute to my "beloved community" by being the spark that sets off a chain reaction of kindness. After all, smiling is not as hard as some people may think.

Beloved Community

