Role-Play Cards

Mrs. Van Daan:

Mrs. Van Daan moved into the "Secret Annexe" with her husband and son shortly after the Frank family arrived. Mrs. Van Daan is a rather interfering person who puts herself before the needs of others who lived in the "Secret Annexe." For example, Mrs. Van Daan removed three of her sheets from the common linen closet.

Discussion after role-play: Did Mrs. Van Dann exemplify philanthropic actions? If not, what suggestions can be given for her to get along with others in the "Secret Annexe?"

Miep and members who were in hiding:
Miep was a young woman who worked in the office
below the Secret Annexe." Miep consistently helped
everyone who lived in the "Secret Annexe" by bringing
supplies, food and news about what was happening in
the world.

Discussion after role-play:

Were Miep's actions considered to be philanthropic? If so, what philanthropic concepts can be identified?

Mr. Koopius and the group in hiding:

Mr. Koopius was a former business associate of Mr. Frank. He worked tirelessly to conceal the group in hiding and obtained supplies for them as much as possible. Role-play an imagined meeting Mr. Koopius may have had with Nazi soldiers one day while getting food, supplies and/or ration cards.

Discussion after role-play:

Was Mr. Koopius' risk considered to be philanthropic? If so, in what way is it considered to be philanthropic?

Dussel in the "Secret Annexe":

Dussel joined the group in the "Secret Annexe" in November 1942. Dussel had a tendency to be somewhat selfish. One of Anne's entries described commotion that occurred when Dussel was upset because Anne and Peter borrowed one of his cushions. Other quarrels erupted when Dussel hoarded food items.

Discussion after role-play:

Were Dussel's actions philanthropic? If not, what advice would you give him for getting along with others?

Anne Frank in the "Secret Annexe" on the Jewish Festival of Lights/St. Nicholas Day:

This "holiday" was not as festive as the prior year when their Dutch "protectors" visited and celebrated with them. Anne decided to surprise the group with a decorated basket and a letter that instructed them to the location in which they would find the shoe that had a package in it.

Discussion after the role-play:

Was Anne's action considered to be philanthropic? If so, describe the philanthropic nature of her actions.

