

Residents of Racially Diverse Neighborhoods Are More Likely to Help Others

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What do you look for in a community? How about helpful, giving residents—people who are eager to lend a hand?

[Recently published research](#) suggests you're more likely to find them in racially diverse neighborhoods.

A research team led by [Krishna Savani](#) and [Jared Nai](#) of Singapore Management University reports people who live in such areas are more inclined to voluntarily help others. This reflects the fact they are more likely to identify with all of humanity, and therefore “see the world as a family.”

And you never turn your back on your family, right?

As the researchers note in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, there are two schools of thought regarding the ramifications of racial diversity. One contends rubbing shoulders with people of different races [opens minds and hearts](#), while the other suggests it [creates distrust](#).