Carol's Club

Custom Social Stories™ Resources Created for Members by Carol Gray

A subscription to Carol's Club provides you with 24/7 access to the most current Social Story ideas, resources, and materials developed exclusively in response to member requests. Every two weeks, you will receive an email describing the latest completed project and how to retrieve it from the Clubhouse.

The Clubhouse is Open. Become a member!

My name is Carol Gray. I introduced Social Stories in 1991. I am the sole author of *Carol's Club*. I work directly with club members to continually stock an online Clubhouse with custom Social Stories, resources, and related materials.

Club members (Members) are people like you – parents, grandparents, professionals, and friends - seeking new ideas and hands-on resources to support children, adolescents, or adults with autism or other social communication differences. I answer your questions, write Stories, and create new materials and solutions in response to your needs and those of other members.

Project Requests

Members submit *Requests*. At any time, you may complete a *Carol's Club Request* (Request) to ask for assistance, clarification, or resources. There are limitless possibilities. You may:

1. *Submit a Story* – and ask, "Is this a Social Story?" or "Can you help me with this story..."

- Request Resources like a short PowerPoint[™] presentation about Social Articles, a pamphlet describing Social Stories, or a sample Social Story about a given topic;
- 3. *Ask for Ideas* to address an issue or current challenge, for example, toilet training suggestions or strategies to teach social concepts and skills;
- 4. Seek Additional Explanation of any aspect of Social Stories or Comic Strip conversations, or
- 5. *Pose a Question* like, "Is there any research on the use of Social Stories with typical preschoolers?"

Also, I will occasionally initiate a Project to share a new development or idea with you.

Please note that I am not able to provide individual consultations or complete a Project for every Request that I receive. I select Projects that represent common concerns *as well as* those that are unique yet likely to 'strike a valuable chord' for other members. At times, I will respond to your Request immediately by directing you to an existing book, website, or previously completed Clubhouse Project.

To protect confidentiality, personally identifying information is never included on the Request Form. You will be asked to create a fictional Club Name, and to use fictional names for all of the people that you mention in your Requests.

Clubhouse Projects

If I select your Request for a Project, I may contact you for additional information (with your permission, indicated on the Request Form). As I research your Project, I may also mention it on Facebook @ Carol's Clubhouse to recruit additional ideas and feedback.

On the first and third Monday of each month, you will receive a Clubhouse email with a brief description of the latest Project and a link to access it. It may be a Project that you have initiated or one that has been requested by another member. Either way, you'll have a new insight, Story, or solution that you didn't have before to use now or in the future. You may review the Request Form <u>here</u> and a sample Project <u>here</u>. Copyright laws protect each Project. Every Project arrives with a statement to guide its legal use. In general, you may not sell or financially profit from any Project via any means, electronic or otherwise, at any time. Please refrain from sharing materials. Your adherence to the permission and restrictions of each copyright notice: 1) protects your

investment and that of other members, 2) keeps membership affordable, 3) supports the development and ongoing maintenance of Carol's Club, and 4) is the right thing to do. Encourage colleagues, friends, and family to become members. Together, we'll expand our understanding of Social Stories and shape their future one Project at a time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Subscriptions to the Clubhouse

A Carol's Club subscription gives you 24/7 access to all past and present Clubhouse Projects. Visit at any time to review or retrieve the materials that you need.

My goal is to make Club membership indispensable, user-friendly, practical and affordable. A subscription to Carol's Club runs month-to-month with a rate that remains the same for its duration. Members may cancel at any time. Cancellation ends the subscription, membership, and its assigned monthly rate. For example, the current subscription rate for charter members is \$7.99 a month. If you join now, that will be your rate as long as your membership continues. If you cancel, and then later decide to subscribe again, the subscription rate at that time will apply.

To thank you for becoming a member, a Welcome Packet awaits you in the Clubhouse with the following:

- 1. A Bonus Project: Understanding the Tooth Fairy and Other Similar Traditions -Ideas for Parents and Professionals
- 2. A Tour of the Clubhouse (It's just for fun to show you around)
- 3. Access to your first Project in the online Clubhouse, *Social Stories 10.2 Definition on PowerPoint*®

To start your Carol's Club membership, complete and send this short <u>subscription form.</u> Welcome to Carol's Club! I can't wait to work for you. See you soon!