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**The Center for Positive Organizational Scholarship** at the University of Michigan Business School offers research and teaching resources relevant to the burgeoning field of positive organizational scholarship. This line of research studies the key factors in creating vibrant, collective, fulfilling, and compassionate workplaces. [www.bus.umich.edu/Positive](http://www.bus.umich.edu/Positive)

**The Civility Initiative** at Johns Hopkins University, directed and co-founded by P.M. Forni, aims to assess the significance of civility, manners, and politeness in contemporary society. [www.jhu.edu/civility](http://www.jhu.edu/civility), 410-516-8047

**The FoodRoutes Network** is a national nonprofit organization that provides communications tools, technical support, networking opportunities, and information resources to organizations nationwide that are working to rebuild local, community-based food systems. [www.foodroutes.org](http://www.foodroutes.org), 814-349-6000

**ImpactGames** is the company that is producing the **PeaceMaker** video game, a simulation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that is intended to be used as a tool in promoting peace among Israelis, Palestinians, and young adults worldwide. [www.impactgames.com](http://www.impactgames.com)

**Slow Food** is an international organization whose aim is to protect the pleasures of the table from the homogenization of modern fast food and life. Through a variety of initiatives, it promotes gastronomic culture, develops taste education, conserves agricultural biodiversity, and protects traditional foods at risk of extinction. [www.slowfood.com](http://www.slowfood.com), 718-260-8000

**The Social Impact Games** Web site catalogs the growing number of video and computer games whose primary purpose is something other than to entertain. These are also known as “serious games.” [www.socialimpactgames.com](http://www.socialimpactgames.com), 917-826-6965

**TransFair USA** is a nonprofit organization that is the only third-party certifier of Fair Trade products in the United States. It audits transactions between U.S. companies offering Fair Trade Certified™ products and the producers of those goods, in order to guarantee that the farmers and farm workers behind Fair Trade Certified™ goods were paid a fair, above-market price. [www.transfairusa.org](http://www.transfairusa.org), 510-663-5260

**The Worldwatch Institute** is an independent research organization that works for an environmentally sustainable and socially just society, in which the needs of all people are met without threatening the health of the natural environment or the well-being of future generations. [www.worldwatch.org](http://www.worldwatch.org), 202-452-1999

## Research sources

**The Cooperative Learning Center** at the University of Minnesota is a research and training center focusing on how students perceive and interact with each other in educational settings. Its training involves instructors from pre-school through college in all subject areas. [www.cooperation.org](http://www.cooperation.org), 612-624-7031

**The Life Cycle Institute** at Catholic University conducts social science research and graduate training in the field of human development. Its research is committed to advancing understanding of youth development, sociological factors that affect religious life, and political activism. <http://lifecycle.cua.edu>, 202-319-5999

**The National Study of Youth and Religion** is an ongoing research project that is designed to enhance our understanding of the religious lives of American youth from adolescence into young adulthood. Its goals include encouraging sustained reflection about and rethinking of our cultural and institutional practices with regard to youth and religion. As this project develops, it will be producing a variety of scholarly and popular books and edited volumes, topical research reports, and conferences. [www.youthandreligion.org](http://www.youthandreligion.org), 919-918-5294

## In the field

**The Compassionate Friends** is a national nonprofit organization that aims to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive. [www.thecompassionatefriends.org](http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org), 877-969-0010

**Modest Needs** is a nonprofit organization reaching out to hard-working individuals and families who suddenly find themselves faced with small, emergency expenses that they have no way to afford on their own. Its grants are funded exclusively by donations from private citizens who want to help individuals and families before they have been forced into the unforgiving cycle of poverty. [www.modestneeds.org](http://www.modestneeds.org), 212-463-7042

**My Hero** is a nonprofit educational Web project that celebrates the best of humanity. Its mission is to enlighten and inspire people of all ages with an ever-growing Internet archive of hero stories from around the world. [www.myhero.com](http://www.myhero.com), 949-376-5964

**PeaceAbilities** is a program designed to teach children specific skills to increase their capacity for peaceful relationships with others. Its curriculum focuses on instilling caring, empathy, and compassion within children, rather than only trying to control negative behavior. It is a program of the **Women's Research Institute** at Brigham Young University. <http://fhss.byu.edu/wri>, 801-422-4609