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Progress Through People

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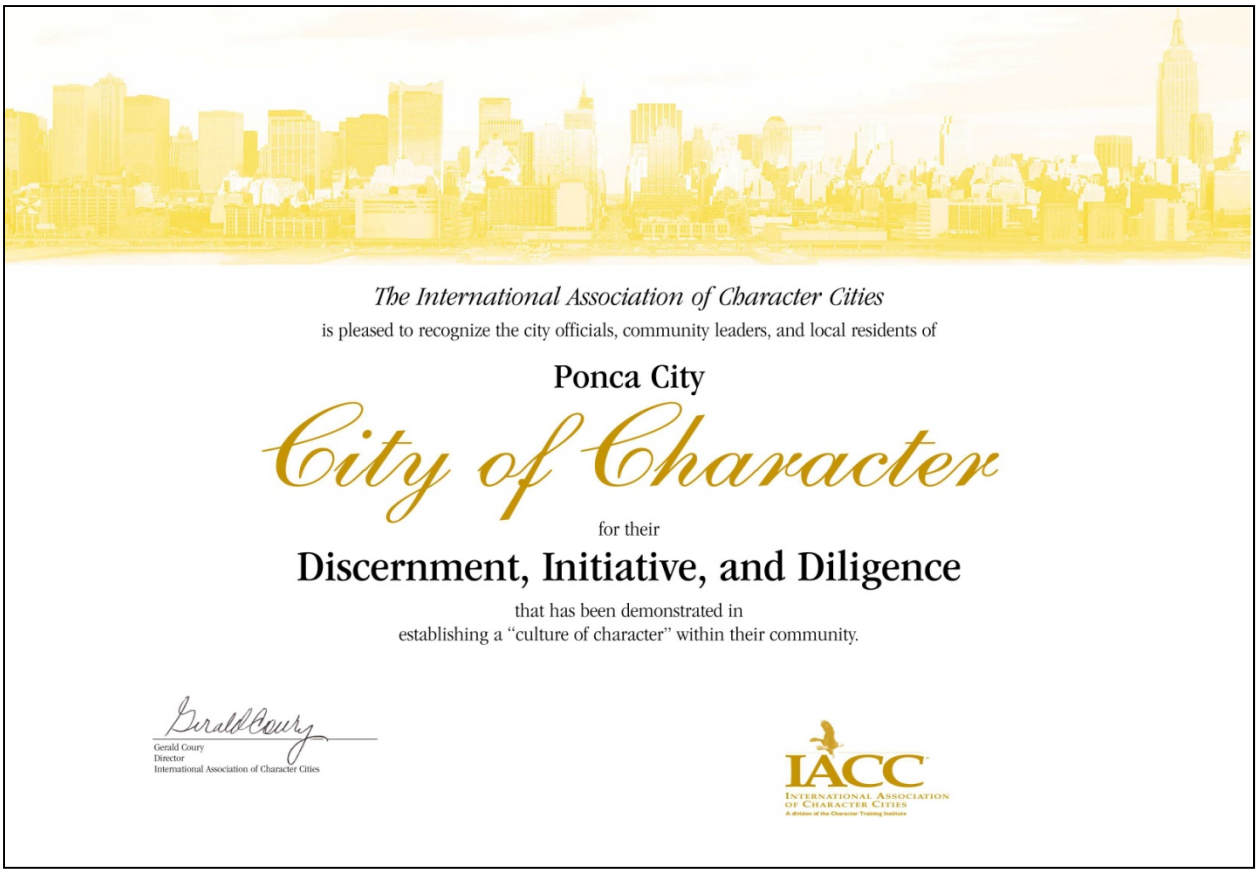

The International Association of Character Cities was established to help cities implement character-building programs. Through the Character First program, character building in others is promoted by modeling good character before them. It is also promoted by developing character in your own life, your family, and those around your jurisdiction.

The Ponca City Commission was approached by the Ponca City Leadership Class of 2000 to consider establishing Ponca City as a City of Character. A Character City is one in which the elected officials, community leaders, and citizens at large recognize the importance of good morals and are actively creating an atmosphere which encourages character development through the implementation of character programs in every sector of the community. This commitment was pursued through the public declaration of the City Commission by Resolution No 5095 approved on June 26, 2000, which clearly stated the goal of encouraging all citizens to develop good character.

In October of 2000, the municipal government of Ponca City entered into the Character First program by delivering the character building curriculum to all City employees. Through this effort, the City has taken the lead to build good character in the community, which makes a person a better spouse, parent, employee, neighbor and citizen.

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