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## Connect with Tech

Search the internet for the affects of technology on our relationships and you will be inundated with a mish mash of information. Some say there is a negative impact while others show the benefit. Because we are fostering resiliency, let's focus on the positive effects.

A study conducted by Keith Hampton, PhD, from Rutgers University found the following regarding technology and relationships.

- It leads to more offline interaction.
- Relationships are closer.
- Technology helps relationships last over time and distance.
- It makes us aware of our group's diversity.
- It creates communities.

## Try This!

- 1. Think of someone you appreciate.
- 2. Now comes the fun part! Use your smart phone, tablet, computer, etc. to message, email, or post on social media something that you appreciate about that person.
- 3. That's it!
- If you want to enhance this activity, do it again or encourage someone around you to give it a try and share your experience.

Sources/ More Information

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