



## **Who needs support and help in your community?**

Homeless individuals, families, children  
New people moving into your neighborhood  
Refugees  
Immigrants  
Elderly people living at home  
Elderly people living in an institution  
Military Families  
Students who have lost a loved one  
Disabled students  
New moms and babies (esp. poor)  
Students in poverty  
Students who are homeless  
Abused or neglected animals  
Children in foster care  
People in poverty lacking food, clothing, school supplies  
Students who are truant, dropping out  
Victims of violence or crime  
People who are dangerously sick, hospitalized  
Students who are being bullied  
People dealing with a serious tragedy

## **Ideas for Projects**

Educate students about misusing social media  
Start an anti-bullying program  
Locate broken sidewalks, dangerous places, messy areas  
Paint a mural on an old wall, put up sculptures, clean a yard or lot  
Contribute to scientific research by building bird feeders and logging birds,  
Sample groundwater, measure rainfall or light pollution or noise pollution  
Create a health and wellness cookbook for your families  
Hold a biking clinic and workshop



Plant a butterfly garden, or a rain garden, or put up a bee hotel  
Work on a plan to control traffic around the school  
Start or improve on a school-wide recycling plan  
Reduce cafeteria waste  
Identify trees in the area and plant some of the best kinds  
Test for water quality  
Make the walk to school safer  
Support domestic animal programs  
Convince people to register to vote  
Beautify something ugly, paint a mural, clean a park  
Help the environment, plant a green roof, insulate homes, reduce energy use  
Promote voting  
Raise awareness about truancy laws  
Raise awareness about immigration laws and policy  
Raise awareness about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship  
Evaluate your school security  
Raise awareness about distracted driving  
Hold a bicycle clinic  
Join a local, national, or international research project with Citizen Science:  
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/citizen-science/?startRow=21>

## **What community problems do you see?**

Abandoned houses, dangerous empty lots?  
Traffic around schools, parks, businesses?  
Broken sidewalks or curbs not cut for wheelchairs?  
Stray animals, dogs and cats?  
Graffiti?  
Discarded items, tires, appliances, trash?  
Obstacles for wheelchairs in public places?