

'Tis the Season for Giving



The holiday season is upon us and traditionally it is the time for giving to those who are less fortunate. Towns and local organizations collect food, clothing and gifts to distribute to the needy. People often donate their time by volunteering at local shelters and soup kitchens. By doing so, not only do we understand our role as members of a [global society](#) but we can make strides to contribute to the betterment of our world as well.

With the recent economic issues plaguing the country, towns are reporting higher than normal rates of unemployment; therefore, families are reducing their spending on gifts and other products. What can you, as a citizen of your community, do to take part in civic life and improve your community during these difficult times? Consider the town in which you live. What organizations most need your help? Choose an organization to support which is collecting toys, food, clothing, or even money for families during the holiday season. Then, organize a fundraiser in your school to collect donations for the organization. Write a letter to local businesses and community leaders asking for donations. Create a plan for how you will collect the donations from your school and distribute them to the organization you choose. Develop an advertisement that can be displayed throughout the school and community to gather support for your fundraiser. Present your plan to your classmates.