**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**](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?