

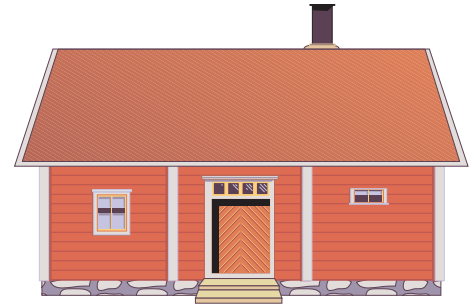
## CIVIC DUTY WORD LIST

citizen	poll	president
community	nomination	candidate
charity	platform	volunteer
donation	vote	voter registration
club/organization	election	majority

- \_\_\_\_\_ The top leader of an organization, company or country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Over 50% of the population who participate in an election.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A legal member of a country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The place where a person votes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping those less fortunate than ourselves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Making your choice by using a ballot on election day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The things a candidate promises to do if elected.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to vote in an election.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The process of voting for candidates who are in an election.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Selecting a person to run for a leadership position.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Someone who is running for an elected office (president).
- \_\_\_\_\_ The area or group of people who live in an area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A group which forms to complete a goal or task.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving one's time for free to help others.

## A Helping Hand

Recently Edith Watson, a seventy-five year old lady asked her city for help. Her house was old, in great need of repair, and had been condemned. Her house was going to be torn down in two weeks and she was told to move. Edith had lived in that house all her life. She had raised foster children there for over 20 years. Edith did not have any family to help her. Some of her neighbors formed a community group to help. They began to raise funds and gather materials to fix the house.



Her story was printed in the newspaper, and soon other people offered to help. A construction company donated time and materials to fix her roof, doors and windows. A local paint store donated paint and equipment. Appliances and drapes were donated by a large department store. A local home improvement store gave plants, flowers and a picket fence.

Many people donated their time to do the repairs. Others helped clean, paint, plant flowers and fix the fence. When the job was finished, over 50 people gathered for a picnic in Edith's back yard. It was a wonderful party for Edith and the community; everyone was proud of the work they had done. They were happy that Edith would now have a clean, comfortable and safe place to live. Edith was overwhelmed with the generosity of her community. She cried when a reporter asked her how she felt about what had happened. She told the reporter, "I feel truly blessed that so many good people would help me. I am thankful there is so much goodness in the world."

1. What are some of the ways people from Edith's community became involved?
2. Why did this group want to repair her house?
3. Why is it important for us to become involved the way the people did in this community?
4. How do you think everyone felt as part of that group?
5. How would you have felt if you had been part of this project?
6. What or who could use this kind of help in your community?