

## Civic Responsibility

**Civic Responsibility** is an opportunity for everyone to make their community a better place to live. A community can be your family, neighborhood, city, state, and country. Some citizens serve their community and are paid. They work as teachers; police officers; fire fighters; city, state, or federal workers; and librarians. Many citizens volunteer, or work without receiving a pay. They want to make their community a better place to live. Some men and women serve as scout leaders to help children of your age learn about outdoor skills, their community, themselves, and many other life skills.

Children of any age can serve their communities in a variety of ways. Many take part in special projects through their school, scouts, 4-H Clubs, church, synagogue, or youth organizations.

Look at the pictures below and see if you can identify ways in which these children are helping their community.



Lila in *Tofu Ling and the Angel* volunteered to help Tofu when he was sick. Name the ways that she helped Tofu.

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Make a list of ways in which you can volunteer to help your family, friends, and community.

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Volunteering is a fun and exciting way to be an active and vital member of your community.