## **Leaders Vote for the Community**

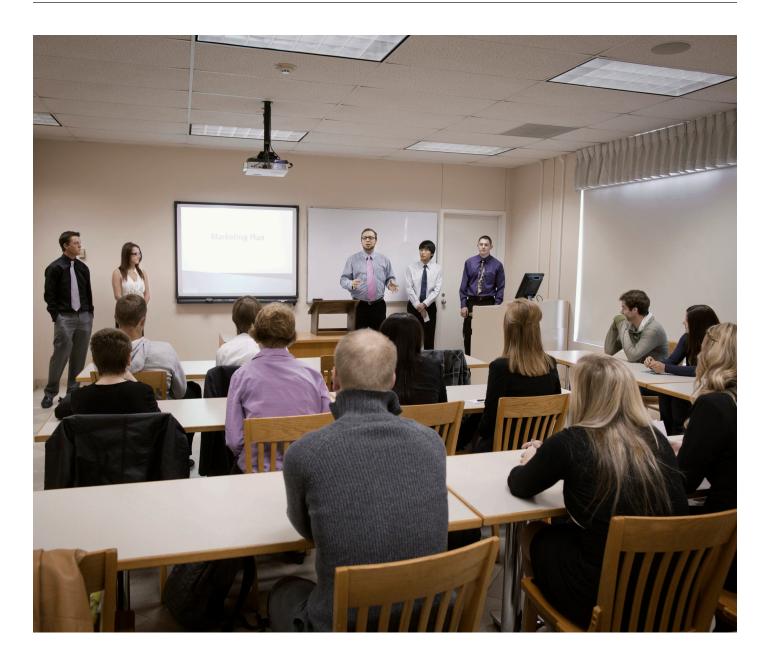
Community leaders make many decisions. How do people work with leaders to make decisions for the community?

Monica is a teacher who lives in Townsville. There are many things to do in Townsville. People can go to restaurants, schools, and shops. But Monica wanted a place where people could take art classes, play sports, and hold special events. Other members of the community agreed with her.

Monica set out to solve this problem. She found a piece of empty land in Townsville. It had not been used for many years. She wanted to create a community center on the land.

Monica found an empty piece of land to build a community center.





Monica and other supporters went to the town hall. They presented their idea to town leaders.

Some people thought the center was a good idea. They agreed that holding classes and events was important for the community.

Not everyone was happy about the idea. Some were against it because they thought it would cost the town a lot of money. Some wanted to build apartments on the land instead.

Monica and others presented their ideas to the town leaders.

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Town leaders asked a lot of questions and listened to both sides. They discussed other ways they could use the land. Then the town leaders took a vote on which idea they thought was best.

Most leaders agreed that the community center was good for Townsville. The town agreed to help pay for the center to be built.

Monica got right to work. She talked to many people about her plan for the community center.

The town leaders listened to both sides and asked many questions.





The community worked together to build the center.

Many members of the community helped create the community center. An architect designed the building. Construction workers helped build it.

Volunteers also helped make the community center happen. Lydia led a group that created a garden. Justin talked to local stores about donating art supplies.

With everybody's help, the community center opened! It had many activities for people to do. Monica is proud that she helped create it!



Lydia and other volunteers made a garden.

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Brainstorm with your class.	What problems	are in your	community?	How could	we
fix them?					

Draw a picture to show a problem in your community.					
Write a sentence to explain this picture.					
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Now, draw a picture to show your solution.

Write a sentence to explain this picture.