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**Responsibilities to Your Community**

Business owners have a special responsibility to contribute to their communities. They can do so in various ways, including donations, products, or services. They can also get involved in community issues or activities.

**CONTRIBUTE MONEY**: Business owners donate money to charities, cultural institutions, or causes they believe in. They enjoy giving something back to the community. Not all business owners can make large contributions, but any donation is welcomed.

**DONATE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES**: Some businesses donate the products or services their business sells. Used clothing store donate unsold clothes to charities. Computer companies sometimes send technicians to community agencies to help the staffs learn about computers.

*Example*: Carrie Shapiro owns a restaurant. She used to discard all the left-over food every evening. But now, Carrie donates this food to the local soup kitchen. Food that Carrie would have thrown away is enjoyed by dozens of people who otherwise might not have eaten a good meal.

**GET INVOLVED**: You can contribute to your community in other ways as well. Some entrepreneurs get involved in issues affecting their local governments, such as changes in zoning laws or establishment of local parks. Others get involved with charitable organizations, volunteering both their time and money.

**Directions**: Brainstorm three possible ways that you can get your business involved in the community (examples can include donating money, products or services, or getting involved). Explain in detail how you would implement your ideas and how each will help your business.

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