COMMUNITY IN CRISIS EXTENSION ACTIVITIES
EPISODE 2

indicates that the activity may be enhanced by online resources,
however no extension activity is dependent on computer access.

CIC EPISODE	CIC EXTENSION ACTIVITY	CIVICS MESSAGE OF THE DAY
Episode 2: "Stranded!" The Director learns that the majority of people in Fog Hollow, a poor neighborhood in Port Douglas, are trapped in their homes due to flooding, and badly in need of food and medical attention. Meanwhile, Pierre—who has experience dealing with the earthquake in Haiti—seems like he's trying to take over operations. The Director, juggling available resources and safety concerns, must come up with a plan to get staff and supplies to those who need them most.	**What's Your Mission?** Explain that a *mission statement* is a statement of an organization's purpose and that it also reflects their values. Have student teams create a *mission statement* for Common Ground. Teams should then create a *logo* that best represents the Center and its mission. Set aside future class time to allow volunteers to share their finished products. **Activity Suggestions/Resources** • Preteach the vocabulary word *logo*. • 💻 Key questions for writing an effective mission statement • Carve out time for presentations	*One cannot raise the bottom of a society without benefitting everyone above.* —Michael Harrington, Sociologist This statement suggests that by helping the people who need it the most, everyone benefits. This is an important civic value for students to be aware of because it can be overlooked by people in power. Ask students to discuss the meaning of the message. Have them write a list of how they might take action right now to improve the lives of people who might not benefit from all the resources our society has to offer. As an extension, have students do research to provide their schoolmates with ideas of how they can get involved in their communities. Post this information on school website or class web page, or get permission from principal to make an announcement to share this info school-wide.

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