

COMMUNITY IN CRISIS EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

EPISODE 8



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

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<p>Episode 8: A Star is Born</p> <p>The local news show <i>Metro Morning</i> has asked Common Ground to send a spokesperson for their next update on storm recovery. The Director can't go because of a meeting with the board of directors and needs to pick someone to go in his or her place. Ultimately, it's up to the director to choose between Pierre—who's been with the Center the longest—and Suna, a former client and the Center's new Communications Associate.</p>	<p>Employee of the Month</p> <p>The CG staff has been hard at work helping the community come back from the effects of Hurricane Dante. Tell students it is time that they recognize the staff member who has gone beyond the call of duty. Who would they choose for the honor and why? Have student teams write a "Thank You" acceptance speech from the perspective of that person, presenting his or her own attitudes and ideas of citizenship and community involvement. Encourage students to "get into character" as much as possible.</p> <p>As an alternative, after the speeches, the class can have a question-and-answer session with all the speakers.</p> <p>Activity Suggestions/Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•  Tips on Writing an Acceptance Speech (Prepare)• Pre-teach what an employee/staff bio is - perhaps provide some examples pulled from the internet.	<p><i>I've always been a firm believer in local news, because it's an opportunity to connect with the community where you live. —David Shuster, Broadcast Journalist</i></p> <p>Reinforce the message by asking students specifically how local news can connect you to your community. If necessary, give them cause-and-effect examples, such as these:</p> <p>News: Elderly people trapped in their homes after a snowstorm (cause) Community: Residents come together to shovel snow that is keeping these people from getting out. (effect)</p> <p>News: Basketball team of local high school wins state championship (cause) Community: Community leaders organize a public event to honor the team.</p> <p>Then have volunteers share a recent or current piece of local news they know about. Ask them how that news might be an opportunity to connect with their community.</p>