

Volunteering in Your Community

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What does the title of this reading mean?

Definitions:

- Elderly – old or aging



Reading

16 A community is an important place. Why? It's where you live, work, and play. It's where
33 you raise your family and find care for your children. It's where you greet neighbors and make
35 new friends.

35 Your community is made up of helpful people and places. Some of the services in your
51 community are: fire and police department, schools, hospitals, libraries, and places of worship.
64 You may use some of these every day. These services help keep a community healthy and safe.

81 You also have a part in keeping your community healthy and safe. Being part of a
97 community means helping those around you. There are many needs in communities. All people,
111 young or old, can help meet those needs by volunteering.

- 121 • A retired woman is a crossing guard at school. She helps school children
134 get across busy streets safely.
- 139 • A 10 year old boy walks an elderly neighbor's dog after school.
- 151 • A mom drives people in her neighborhood to their place of worship.
- 163 • A teenage girl helps at the local hospital.
- 171 • A business or family "Adopts a Highway." They clean ditches along roads
183 in the fall and spring.

188 These helpful people **volunteer**. They do something good without getting paid. They give
201 freely of their time and talents. They help others and feel good about themselves. It is fun and
219 **rewarding** to volunteer.

222 Volunteering helps make a community a better place to live, work, and play. Do you want
238 to make your community a better place? Volunteer today!

