

# Celebrating Civic Contributions

*Children will research the contributions of groups that helped with the playground build (police, firefighters, nurses, community leaders, etc). They will plan and execute a thank you ceremony that celebrates the civic contributions of these groups.*

## Age Appropriateness:

9-12, 13+

## Key Topics:

Appreciation

Civic Contribution

Impact of Service

## Skills:

Critical thinking

Civic Engagement

Community Outreach

Interviewing

Information Processing

## Materials:

Will depend on what  
“Thank You” is  
decided upon

## Time Considerations:

15 minutes per  
Interview

1-2 hours for  
Reflection

5-10 minutes for Thank  
You activity on  
Build Day

## OBJECTIVES

- Teach the children the importance of civic contribution and giving back to your community.
- Involve the children with the planning process, so they can fully understand how much work is going into it.



## Preparation

- Work with the children to decide what group(s) of people they want to focus on (talk about their civic contributions).
- Create a timeline with objectives that they need to complete each week.
- Brainstorm with the kids on how they are going to thank these groups on Build Day (song, performance, art, poem, play, etc.).

## Action

- Give the children an opportunity to interview the groups they are researching, as well as additional resources that will help them understand their civic contributions.
- Help the children plan a thank you event for Build Day, as well as any additional Build Day activities that may tie into this project (focus on ways that they can share what they've learned with the volunteers).

## Reflection

Reflect on how these groups or individuals are affecting your community with their civic contributions.

What impact did they have on the KaBOOM! build?

How do their civic contributions outside of this project shape your community?