

Exercise 3. Identifying Skills and Knowledge in Community Resources

A strategy to develop long-range partnerships is to visualize the knowledge and skills that are embedded in our communities. Often community partners are not invited to contribute to school activities or need some coaching to bring their resources into the schools.

Use this tool to list the knowledge, skills and human resources in your community.

Organization/Entity	Knowledge Base and Skills	Possible Collaboration
Example: Kiwanis	Fund-raising, community welfare, civic projects, leadership training, public speaking, rules of order for meetings	Teach students about how to conduct effective meetings, leadership skill training, scholarships

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