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What Is a Community Leader?

There are many kinds of **communities** (kuh-MEW-nuh-teez). A community can be the place where you live. Or, it can be a group of people who like the same things. A community is a group of people who work together as a team.

♦ Senator Barack Obama speaks at a town hall meeting.



Communities have leaders. These leaders do many kinds of jobs. But, they all have the same goal. They help to make their communities better. These leaders make plans. And, they help people who are in need.



A Sizable Difference

Communities can be very big. Or, they can be very small. New York City is a community. It has over 8 million (MIL-yuhn) people! A small town called Victory in the state of Vermont is also a community. They have fewer than 100 people.



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