

Background Notes To the Teacher:

Carter has been active in public life for over three decades. Many action groups have developed over this time.

For example:

1970s

- Grey Panthers - senior citizens organize
- Guardian Angels, 1979 - Devils Night, protection/NY subways
- Scared Straight - young kids taken to prisons to scare them
- Support group for the Iran Hostages
- World Hunger Year - the Hunger Project
- 1979 - International Year of Children
- 1971 - Greenpeace founded
- Spring 1970 - Earth Day
- Clean up of Lake Erie
- Consumer groups - Ralph Nader
- Habitat for Humanity

1980-1990

- Anti-apartheid movement
- Entertainment community mobilizes for causes. ("We Are the World")
- Sports *Illustrated* highlights people who care
- Corporations begin to ask employees to volunteer
- Literacy corps programs
- Hands Across America
- Just Say No program
- AIDS organizations begin to form
- MADD
- SADD
- Sanctuary movement by churches, to protect political dissidents
- U.S. and world reaction to earthquakes, mudslides, hurricanes
- Term "community service" is the key term in this period

1990-today

- Rebuilding communities such as Detroit, forming stronger neighborhoods
- Violence and abuse issues tackled
- Drug Education such as DARE program
- Church youth becoming more active
- Homelessness--starting to focus on it as not just individuals but families.

