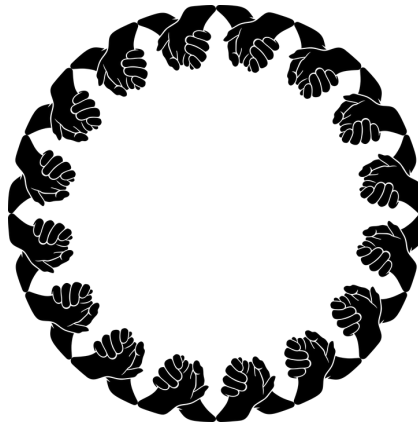


# **Excited to Serve**



**Student Workbook**

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# A Note from the Khan Kids

Dear Friends,

Moving to a new school or neighborhood can be challenging for anyone. For families moving to a whole new country, it can be especially difficult. You miss your family and old friends and have so much to learn about your community, school, and teachers. It can be scary and lonely adjusting to a new place, but the way people welcome you *makes all the difference!*

At first some neighbors and classmates didn't understand our customs. The way we looked and dressed was different. But we were patient and soon met others who showed us around, invited us to eat with them, and suggested we join a club that promoted international understanding. When the club took on a project to honor the diversity in our town, the first "Community Day" was launched – and we were "excited to serve" and celebrate its success!

If you see someone new in your neighborhood or at school, reach out and be a friend. Invite them to hang out, play on a team, eat lunch, or join a club. We guarantee you'll be glad you did...we were!

Best to you,

*Rima and Bassem*

# Who's Who?

Being new in a new place means learning new names.

**DIRECTIONS:** Match the characters in the story with their descriptions.

Samin and Lina	Mr. Cortes	Rima	City Manager
Mrs. George	Hailey	Bassem	Mrs. O'Conner

	Description	Who am I?
1	<i>"I'm an older woman who lives next door to the new neighbors. I'm not sure I will like them, but discover how lucky I am they moved next to me!"</i>	
2	<i>"I'm the principal at Rima and Bassem's school. I think Community Day is a terrific idea!"</i>	
3	<i>"I explain the meaning of my hijab – or head covering – to some girls at my new school."</i>	
4	<i>"Our parents moved from Syria. We met in college, married, and now live in the United States."</i>	
5	<i>"I help Rima and Bassem find their way around school. We have history class together, and I encouraged them to join the service club."</i>	
6	<i>"I teach history and think it's important for students to understand that our country is enriched because it has so many different cultures!"</i>	
7	<i>"My sister and I replanted Mrs. George's garden."</i>	
8	<i>"I helped students fill out the forms and permits required by the city to help make Community Day as successful as possible."</i>	

# 3...2...1...Volunteer!

A “volunteer” is someone who offers to do something for no pay. The reward is helping others! Volunteering is an important part of being an adult, but students of all ages can find ways to help.

Describe 3 things you can volunteer to do at home:

1.

2.

3.

When will this happen?

Describe 2 things you can volunteer to do at school:

1.

2.

When will this happen?

Describe 1 thing you can volunteer to do in your neighborhood or community:

1.

When will this happen?

# Rami's Advice

Rami's been asked to write an advice column for the school newspaper. What would Rami tell this student?

Dear Rami,

When family moved here one year ago, I did not speak any English. I've been studying and practicing, and I speak better now. But I still have an accent when I speak, and I have a hard time making friends because I am shy. I'm afraid kids will make fun of my accent and my mistakes. What can I do to make friends?

Signed,  
Still Learning

Dear Still Learning,

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Your friend,  
Rami

# CLUB-DO-KU

Joining clubs that serve your school or community is a great way to meet students who like to help others.

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Use letters in the word **CLUBS** in each row down and across. Use each letter only once in a row or column.

How many words with 3 or more letters can you make from the letters in:

**SERVICE CLUB**

1.	6.	11.	16.
2.	7.	12.	17.
3.	8.	13.	18.
4.	9.	14.	19.
5.	10.	15.	20.

## Rate Yourself!

1-5 words:	Helper
6-10 words:	Volunteer
11-15 words:	All Star
16-20 words:	Excited to Serve Champion!

# Excited to Serve!

**DIRECTIONS:** Unscramble the words from the story

The Khan family was 1) DCXTEIE \_\_\_\_\_ to move into their new home. Rami and Baseem were set for a new 2) VNUAEDRTE \_\_\_\_\_. The Khans were from a different 3) LUURTEC \_\_\_\_\_. Their families had 4) GIMTDIMERA \_\_\_\_\_ from 5) AYISR \_\_\_\_\_ years earlier. Now they were living in the United 6) TTEASS \_\_\_\_\_!

Rima was happy her brother Bassem was with her on the first day of 7) HOSCOL \_\_\_\_\_. Will and Hailey helped them find their first 8) ALSCS \_\_\_\_\_. In World 9) YOSITRH \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher focused on other cultures and 10) YIRVESTDI \_\_\_\_\_, or learning about different people and customs.

At lunchtime Rami and Bassem learned about the school 11) CEVSIRE \_\_\_\_\_. 12) BUCL \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to 13) NIJO \_\_\_\_\_. The Service Club did two 14) PJCORTSE \_\_\_\_\_ each year - one for international 15) RNEGTUIDNSNDA \_\_\_\_\_. Rami suggested a 16) OMUCTMINY \_\_\_\_\_ 17) YDA \_\_\_\_\_ to recognize different cultures and 18) BEECARETL \_\_\_\_\_ them all!

Soon everyone was busy planning - even 19) CAOLL \_\_\_\_\_ businesses helped! Community Day was a huge 20) CCSSSEU \_\_\_\_\_! Now that they were active in their new community, Rima and Baseem had no shortage of friends and no longer felt like strangers!

# SERVE SEARCH

**DIRECTIONS:** Find the words listed below the puzzle. Words are found in different directions - up, down, diagonally, left-to-right and right-to-left!

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CLUB

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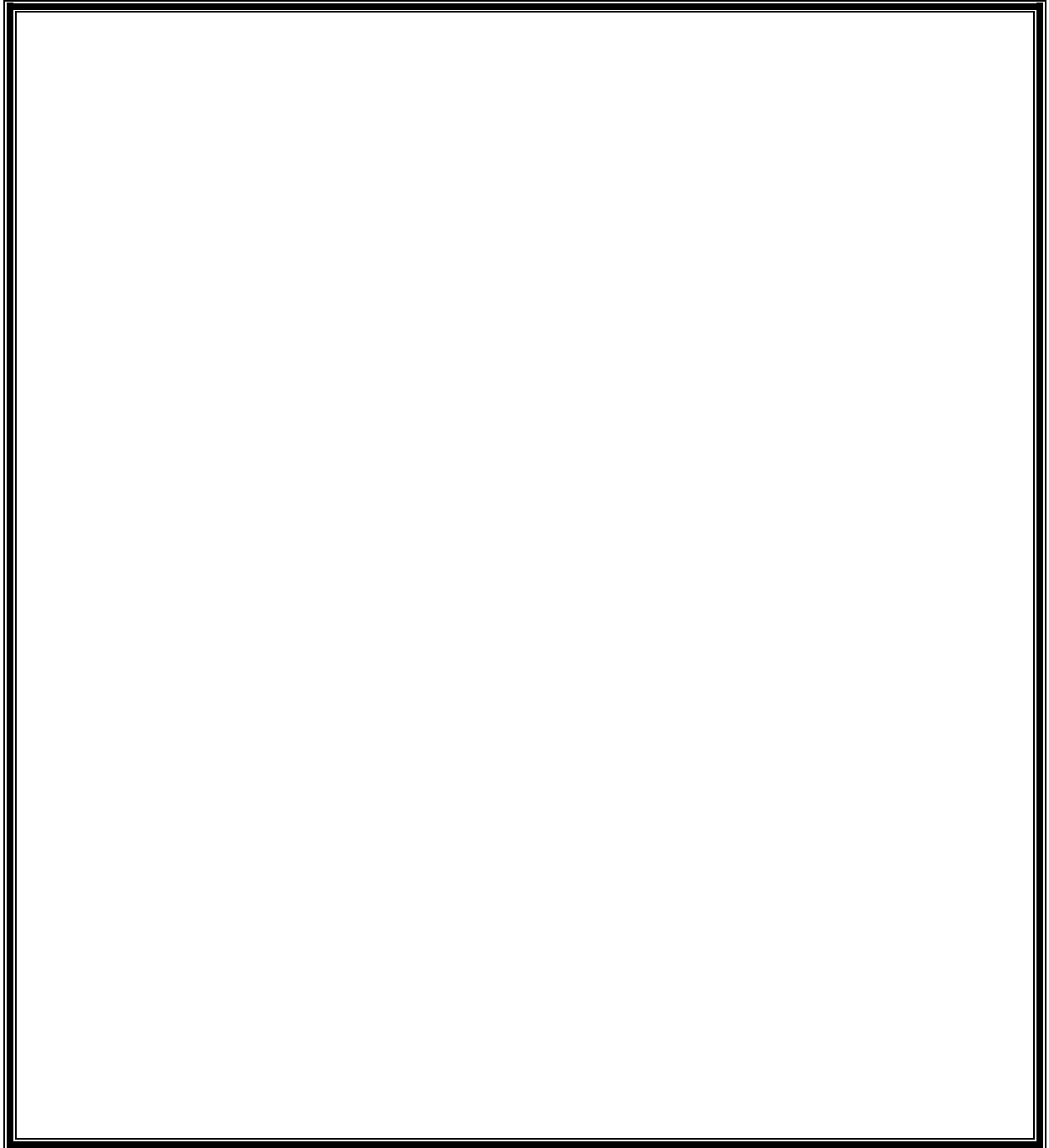
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WORLDWIDE



# "Community Day" Poster

Student Council needs help spreading the word about Community Day.  
Make a poster advertising the event.



## ANSWER KEY

p. 3	<b>WHO's WHO?</b> 1-Mrs. George; 2-Mr. Cortes; 3-Rami; 4-Samin and Lina; 5-Hailey; 6- Mrs. O'Conner; 7-Baseem; 8-City Manager																									
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p. 7	<b>Excited to Serve! Unscramble</b> 1-EXCITED; 2-ADVENTURE; 3-CULTURE; 4-IMMIGRATED; 5-SYRIA; 6-STATES; 7-SCHOOL; 8-CLASS; 9-HISTORY; 10-DIVERSITY; 11-SERVICE; 12-CLUB; 13-JOIN; 14- PROJECTS; 15-UNDERSTANDING; 16-COMMUNITY; 17- DAY; 18-CELEBRATE; 19-LOCAL; 20-SUCCESS																									

*“Those who are the happiest are those who do the most for others.”*

- Booker T. Washington