Let's Get Help!

This activity will allow members to:

- Make connections in the school and community.
- Practice working together successfully.
- Think abstractly.

Materials needed:

- Whiteboard
- Markers
- Pen or pencil
- One worksheet for the club secretary (print it at buildersclub.org/IDEA)

How to lead this activity:

In the Time to Investigate activity, the club identified several community organizations that help with the service need. By asking these organizations for insight, members will learn more about them and the best way to join their efforts.

1. Explain that the best way to learn more about your service need in the school and community is to ask experts for help. To do that, members will invite school and/or community leaders to speak to the club.

2. If a contact is unable to visit, a member will conduct a phone interview and present findings to the club.

3. On the whiteboard, write names of organizations that work on this service need. Include your school, as the administration most likely can offer suggestions for a school service project or connect the club with other school members who are knowledgeable about the service need. Also include your sponsoring Kiwanis club—one of its members probably can help with introducing you to someone who can help.

4. Using the Let's Get Help! handout, the club secretary should note how the club decides to move forward with each organization. These notes will be very important in the next meeting's activity.

Provide the club a script to use when asking organizations to present to the club. Print the Ask the Experts script at builderslclub.org/IDEA.

6. Discuss how the club will reach out to each organization listed on the whiteboard. Use the following questions to guide the discussion on each organization:

   Does anyone in the club have a connection to this organization?
   - For example, does any member have a parent, relative or friend who works or volunteers there?
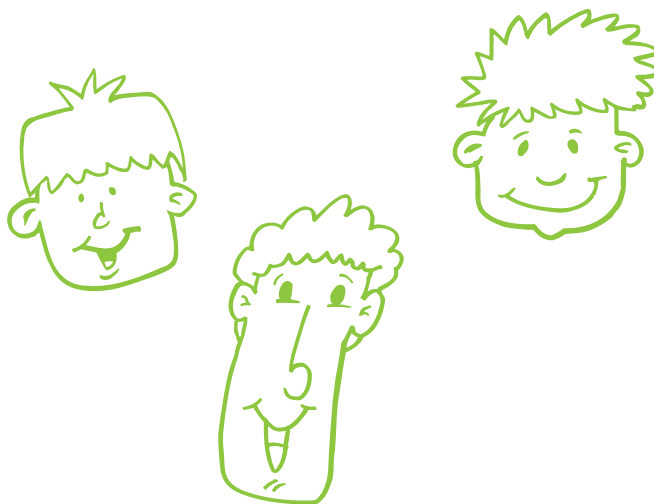
   What is the best way to reach this organization?
   - The best way to reach out would be to contact the club's connection.
   - If a connection does not exist, the club needs to find another way, such as calling the organization to ask for a meeting.
   - For your school, club officers and advisors most likely should work with the school secretary to set up a face-to-face meeting between the principal and the club officers.
   - For your sponsoring Kiwanis club, work with the Kiwanis advisor to contact the club president. Find out if Builders Club members could ask for help at the next Kiwanis club meeting.

   Which members will work together to ask this organization for help?
   - Club officers should take the lead on the school meeting.
   - For other organizations, any member with a connection should be included in reaching out.
   - Ensure that every member is assigned to an organization.

7. After all organizations have been discussed, tell members they don't need to take action now. At the next club meeting, they'll review their assigned organization and practice how to ask for help.

8. Thank members for their hard work at today's meeting.

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The club secretary can use this handout to keep notes for the club. It's an easy way to record which organizations the club will contact and who is responsible for each one.

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Organization: School **Who to contact:** School principal **Best way to contact:** **Who will reach out:** Faculty advisor and Builders Club officer	**Organization:** Kiwanis club **Who to contact:** Kiwanis cub president **Best way to contact:** **Who will reach out:** Kiwanis advisor	**Organization:** **Who to contact:** **Best way to contact:** **Who will reach out:**
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