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Meeting the Needs of the Family and Beyond

In 2012, New York City residents were hit with a devastating hurricane called Sandy. Not only were the torrential rains and flooding a problem, but the loss of electricity, little gasoline for heat generators and food shortages presented a major issue. The subways and roads were closed due to flooding and debris. In one small community, the people were beginning to get discouraged and lose hope. They were running out of food and supplies. Only a few homes in the entire neighborhood maintained power.

Scenario: You have been assigned by the mayor of New York City to create a solution for how the residents in the neighborhood could come together to help each other. List the needs that a typical family might have in this circumstance. Use the Internet to research three resources that could provide some relief to the family and neighborhood. Be prepared to discuss your findings with the class.

1. What are the needs of a typical family in this circumstance?

2. What are three resources that could offer assistance to this family and the surrounding neighborhood?

3. How can the members in the neighborhood help each other?

4. What happens to society when there is a lack of assistance, goodwill and comradery for one another?

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