Social Change Wheel: Models of Community Involvement

(activities that help make the world a little brighter for everyone):
- biking, taking public transportation or carpooling to work or school
- shopping at stores which give back to the communities they are located in directly
- visit the www.TheHungerSite.com each day to order free food for the hungry
- recycle paper, aluminum, glass, newspapers, plastic, etc.

(activities which raise awareness and/or change people’s actions or attitudes about important social issues utilizing a range of educational approaches):
- speaking to community groups about homelessness, crime and recycling in their local community
- educating community groups through theater on AIDS/HIV prevention strategies or human rights issues
- developing experiential workshops for groups to increase multicultural understanding

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(activities that identify and increase the human and/or economic assets of a neighborhood/community):
- completing a neighborhood assets inventory
- assisting with small business development or job skills development
- offering leadership workshops to local residents
- working to set up health care clinics and training community members on public health issues.

(activities that mobilize people to influence public policy through formal political channels--campaign work, voting, voter registration):
- organizing voter registration drives
- working on a political campaign
- creating or distributing candidates’ profiles including records of support on various public issues

(activities that use confrontation or public disobedience as a strategy for raising awareness of an issue or to change policy):
- picketing or holding candlelight vigil at the state capital
- participating in Take Back the Night rallies and marches to protest sexual and domestic violence
- organizing rallies to demand support for programs benefiting disadvantaged or underserved children

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