

## Community “Thanksgiving”

The Algonkian communities of Southern New England worked together in order to survive. They showed their appreciation for each other by working together, sharing, and watching out for each other. We continue to live in communities where we must work together in order to survive, but we sometimes forget to show appreciation for each other. Particularly in times of great challenge, it is important to give thanks to those who are helping us out. Let’s each of us take a moment to write a message of appreciation to someone who is helping us or our communities. Below is a suggested list of people you might choose to write to and some things to think about when you are writing. Thank you!

A Family Member

A Friend

A Neighbor

A Teacher

A Healthcare Worker

A Grocery Store Employee

A Custodian

A News Anchor

A Public Official

A Charity

*To help you get started, it might be useful to think of the following things:*

- What does this person do that you appreciate?
- How is this person helping his or her community?
- What would happen if they stopped doing what they normally do? How would it impact yourself or your community?
- Does this person know you very well, or are you writing to someone who might not know who you are?
- Why are you taking the time to write this letter?

