

18. I can makeChange! Plan your makeChange Project!

Have the class brainstorm a plan of action to help, along the themes of homes and homelessness, and put that plan into effect to make a difference in your community, city, country or world!

As a class, explore some possibilities for helping as a group in your own community. Discuss the needs of the hungry and homeless people living in poverty or on the street. Perhaps contact a local shelter, mission, food bank or soup kitchen and ask what they need most and how you could help. Perhaps invite someone from such an organization to speak to your class, a group of classes or to your school.

Ask students what they would like to see in the world and how they think they can make a difference.

Social action plans may be done individually, in small groups or as a whole class.

Visit the I can makeChange web pages at www.ladybugeducation.ca for a fun and informative way to help plan your social action.

Use the printed I can makeChange Social Action Project Planning Chart included ahead in these materials, or online at www.ladybugeducation.ca, to plan to make a difference in your community and your world.

Some ideas could be:

- From the students' "skills", think of a creative and fun way to raise money to help a local shelter or a soup kitchen.
- Make Ladybug Jars or Ladybug Cookies, or think of another way to help The Ladybug Foundation.
- Collect clothing or food to "help-in-kind" – perhaps to send to help people in a different part of the world.
- Raise awareness of the needs of homeless people through a poster campaign or in some other way.

Visit The Ladybug Foundation website *for more ideas* on things students can do to help.
www.ladybugfoundation.ca.