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Subject: *Community Engagement, Solidarity, and Citizenship*
Type of Activity: ☐ Concept Notes ☐ Skills: Exercise/Drill ☐ Illustration
☐ Performance Task ☐ Essay/Report ☐ Others: _____

Activity Title: **The Four Factors of a Community**
Learning Target: To discuss the four factors influencing how a community works

References:
(Author, Title, Pages)
1. R. A. Padilla, Community Engagement, Solidarity & Citizenship, pp. 18-19
2. J. Daguplo, and J. J. V. Montañez, CVIF Learning Activities

To enhance more our understanding of community, we will dig into the factors that help develop the "sense of community." The psychologists McMillan and Chavis (1976) explained the sense of community. The brief description of the theory states: *"Sense of community is a feeling that the members have of belonging, a feeling that members matter to one another and to the group, and a shared faith that members' needs will be met through their commitment to be together"* (McMillan). With this, we can draw out some factors that will enhance more our sense of community.

A. **Membership.** This refers to the feeling of belonging or sharing a sense of personal relatedness. This factor includes: boundaries, emotional safety, a sense of belonging and identification, personal community and a common language.
B. **Influence.** This refers to the feeling of the members that they influence the community and the community influences its members. To illustrate, in a community, the members should feel that they are also contributors to the progress of the community just as they can feel that the community also helps them to progress.
C. **Integration and fulfillment of needs.** This refers to the unity and oneness of the members as they support each other's needs in an effort to achieve both individual and communal goals. This means that the community strives to ensure that the needs of the members are addressed, whether material or psychological. Success in these efforts inspires each member to continue membership and contributions.
D. **Shared emotional connection.** This factor is considered by sociologists as the "definitive element for true community." Shared experiences create a lasting enjoyable memory for its members through many years.

Reflection: Describe the immediate community to which you have a sense of belonging. Evaluate the presence or absence of the four factors mentioned above. Cite one specific situation illustrating why the factor is present or not.