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## Unity Mart: A Small Town's Cooperative Adventure

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Unity Mart contributed to fostering a sense of community in Harmonyville by bringing residents together to support their local businesses. Beyond shopping, it provided a gathering place where people connected, shared stories, and celebrated their town's unique products and culture.
2. Other ways that small towns can support local businesses and promote economic unity include organizing community events and markets that feature local products, creating business associations to provide support and resources, and encouraging residents to prioritize shopping locally.
3. The residents of Harmonyville demonstrated their commitment to preserving their town's unique charm by coming together to create Unity Mart, celebrating their local businesses, and fostering a sense of pride in their community.
4. Unity Mart became a model for other small towns because it demonstrated that when a community supports local businesses and promotes economic unity, it can lead to thriving businesses and a vibrant town. Cooperative stores like Unity Mart can benefit communities by preserving their unique character, providing a sense of belonging, and fostering economic stability.

