The word of the week is

 CONTRIBUTION

 A CONTRIBUTION is a voluntary gift, the act of giving, efforts to a cause.

 They thanked him for his contribution of time and money.

 As mayor, he made many positive contributions to the growth of the

 city.

 Our school made a contribution to the Louisiana flood victims this year.

 Her contributions in the field of medicine won her the Nobel prize.

 With the money we raised in our bake sale we made a contribution to the

 local food bank.