We've had some inquires by newcomers to the net on to how to offer help by relaying in a station that the NCO can't hear or can't understand. There are times a station can hear perfectly both NCO and weak station, but NCO can't hear the weak station. That is the wonderful world of radio communications.

This is our recommendation:
Rule#1: I will respect my fellow Hams and conduct myself in such a manner as to earn their respect.
                                                                                    DX-Code of Conduct

Net Control Operators can get confused by too many "helpers" while they are trying to decipher a call during noisy or unstable band conditions. We all want to "get that call" ourselves. That's Human nature. Be respectful, wait for the right moment. Remember someone else might have a better copy, timing is everything. Like my ole Dad said: "Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain Dance"

Rule #2: **If** or **when** an **NCO** asks for a relay, key up and say "Relay".
After the NCO says, "Go Relay".
Give your call sign, call the weak station, confirm weak station's ID by repeating it (so NCO can hear it) then ask if they have any traffic for the net. Relay then repeats the weak stations call, (traffic /no traffic), copy net control? NCO will acknowledge the call, Relay will then confirm to the weak station that the NCO has him checked in. Give short call sign and say "Back to Net Control" (short call sign example: My full call is "N5JHF", short call is "JHF". Bill's call is "W5ORA" short call is "ORA". Use of short calls in a continuing conversation are fully acceptable provided the full call is used with in the past 10minutes, or conversation, it saves a lot of time). You can use your full call if you desire.

Example of a typical relay:
N5JHF   "Can I get a relay on that station"
KE8KOE   "Relay"
N5JHF   "Go relay"
KE8KOE   "KE8KOE relaying for Net Control, W4WS do you copy"
W4WS   "Roger"
KE8KOE   "W4WS do you have any traffic for the net"
W4WS   "No traffic for the net, W4WS"
KE8KOE   "Roger W4WS has no traffic, Copy Net Control?
N5JHF   "Copy" or "QSL" or "got him logged in"
KE8KOE   "W4WS we have you logged in, KOE back to Net Control"
N5JHF   "Thanks KOE (or Dave) any other relays" (continue net operations).

This is only an example, as the NCO and NRS get to working with each other, it will take on a life of its own. Please remember**: The assigned Net Control Station has control of the net! Even if you might be an experienced NCO, it's not your net, respect the assigned NCO. You help at his behest. "Help" don't "Hinder". "Assist" don't "persist".**

Read our <u>Mission Statement</u> which is part of the Net Preamble. When in doubt, re-read Rule#1 above.