



Community Action Poverty Simulation

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What Can You Do?

- **Commit** - Don't leave here today without committing to make a difference in your community. Think of the situations that you experienced during the simulation and the feelings that they brought out in you. Make a promise to yourself that you are going to take action to make a difference in the lives of those people who experience poverty not just for an hour, but every day. Write it down! "A goal not written is only a wish"
- **Educate** - The first step in helping end poverty is talking about poverty. Tell your family and friends about your experience with the Community Action Poverty Simulation. As you learn more, develop a presentation about poverty to teach others. Don't let the learning stop here.
- **Volunteer** - Poverty is everywhere, including the city or town where you live. Find out what organizations are helping people in poverty. Find out what you can do to help, and do it. Several websites, such as <http://volunteermatch.org> let you search by ZIP code and area of interest for volunteer opportunities in your community.
- **Write Letters** - Alert government officials, newspaper editors, local business leaders, producers of local news, etc. about the knowledge you have gained about poverty and what can be done locally or nationally to eliminate it. Writing letters demonstrates that when people with a common purpose combine their skills and energies the results are magnified. If we can get government officials and members of the media talking about poverty, we have a better chance of winning support for policies and program that can improve the lives of the low-income.
- **Socialize** - Make it a habit to meet with people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Have you ever noticed that all of your friends and social contacts are from the same economic class? If so, make a point to meet with those who don't necessarily have as much as you and your family do. By socializing with people at different economic levels, you will develop sensitivity to their needs and learn to relate to them as people just like yourself.



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