



BREAKING THE CYCLE

POVERTY SIMULATION

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hat if? It is a powerful question that we tend to overlook. What if I lived in poverty? Everyday millions of Americans face poverty head-on and must make critical either/or decisions. Decisions like either to:

- buy medicine or pay rent
- eat or pay utilities
- repair a car or miss work

Poverty is a reality and decisions like these are made every day in our communities.

Without experiencing poverty, it is difficult to understand. **Breaking the Cycle** is an in-person or digital interactive experience that promotes awareness, develops understanding, and inspires local change. When you participate in a poverty simulation, you develop your understanding of some of the dynamics of poverty and learn about how you can create social change through impact, collaboration, and service.

In the simulation, participants take on the identity of a low-income family living on a limited budget and are challenged to effectively allocate resources over a four-month period. This brief, simple, but powerful experience allows for a glimpse into some of issues surrounding poverty.

Can you break the cycle?

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Today

34 Million

Americans live at or below the poverty line. They are your neighbors, coworkers, fellow parishioners, and your child's school friends.

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