



IN THEIR SHOES

POVERTY SIMULATION

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very day, millions of Americans face difficult decisions because of the financial situation they are in. Essential decisions like whether to:

- buy medicine or pay utilities
- buy a gift for your child or a necessary item for your home
- miss work or let your child miss school

Poverty is a reality for 1 in 8 Americans, and decisions like these are being made daily in our communities.

Without experiencing poverty, it is difficult to understand it. **In Their Shoes** is an in-person or digital interactive experience that promotes awareness, increases understanding and inspires local change. When you participate in a poverty simulation like **In Their Shoes**, you can increase your understanding of the dynamics of poverty and of how to create social change through impact, collaboration and service.

The challenge is designed to prompt open-ended response and reflection on poverty. Throughout the challenge, participants will be given a series of scenarios to think through and statistics to frame each scenario. This brief, simple, but powerful experience develops a more complete understanding of issues surrounding poverty.

Experience life in their shoes:

https://unitedway.formstack.com/forms/its_uwofmc

Today

40 Million

Americans live in poverty. They are your neighbors, coworkers, fellow parishioners, and your child's school friends.

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