

Step into the reality many of our neighbors face every day.



POVERTY SIMULATION

SIMULATION OVERVIEW

United Way's Poverty Simulation is an interactive learning experience that helps participants better understand the challenges faced by individuals and families living with limited resources. During the simulation, participants take on the role of a household navigating one month of life while managing work, childcare, transportation, healthcare, housing, and unexpected obstacles. This is a guided experience designed to build empathy, spark conversation, and deepen understanding of how poverty impacts decision making, stress levels, and access to opportunity.

WHY IT MATTERS

Many households in our region are working hard but still struggling to meet basic needs. The Poverty Simulation helps connect the dots between lived experience and the programs, policies, and partnerships that support financial stability, education, and health. This experience encourages compassion, challenges assumptions, and inspires action.

WHAT IS NEEDED

- 3 Hours of dedicated time
- 80 Participants
- 30 Volunteers
- United Way provides material and facilitates the training

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Employers and employees
- Educators and students
- Service providers
- Community leaders
- Volunteers and advocates
- Anyone who wants a deeper understanding of poverty in our community

GET INVOLVED

Participate Attend a Poverty Simulation to experience it first hand.

Host a Simulation Bring the Poverty Simulation to your workplace, school, or organization.

Volunteer. Support the event by helping to guide participants through the experience.

Sponsor Help make the simulation accessible to more groups while demonstrating your organization's commitment to community impact.

To schedule a Poverty Simulation please email jjabas@uwlp.org

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