

A DAY IN THE LIFE



A PERSPECTIVE ON POVERTY



JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE EVENT THAT BRINGS AWARENESS ABOUT THE REALITIES OF LIVING IN POVERTY.

Every day, thousands of families across Cass and Clay Counties perform a financial balancing act while trying to make ends meet.

A Day in the Life: Perspective on Poverty

What is it?

This event is an interactive immersion experience that depicts real-life scenarios faced by many of the families living in poverty in Cass and Clay Counties who are sometimes one paycheck away from homelessness or crisis.

How does it work?

Alice is 34. She could be your neighbor, a woman you ran into at the grocery store, or someone living in your community you have never met before. Alice is fighting against many barriers just to keep a roof over her families head and food on the table. Alice is just one member of the many families that make up the experience.

During this experience, you will take on the identity of someone like Alice. You and your family will work together to sustain yourself as you live a month in poverty. You will be surrounded by a community of others experiencing their own challenges and given personal and community resources like schools, banks, and grocery stores. Throughout the month you will experience the challenges person in poverty faces.

To Fight Poverty, We Must First Seek To Understand It

UNITED WE
LIFT PEOPLE
OUT OF
POVERTY

POVERTY IS DEFINED AS A FAMILY OF 4

LIVING ON LESS THAN
\$25,100/YEAR

2,400 LOCAL CHILDREN
UNDER AGE 5
ARE LIVING IN POVERTY



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2018 SESSION DATES

“A Day In The Life” is an interactive volunteer experience that depicts real-life scenarios faced by many of the families living in poverty in Cass and Clay Counties who are sometimes one paycheck away from homelessness or crisis. Register online to participate in one of our sessions listed below:

<i>March 20th, 2018</i>	<i>Session 1: 8:30-11:30am</i>	<i>Session 2: 1:30-4:30pm</i>
<i>May 31st, 2018</i>	<i>Session 1: 8:30-11:30am</i>	<i>Session 2: 1:30-4:30pm</i>
<i>September 19th, 2018</i>	<i>Session 1: 8:30-11:30am</i>	<i>Session 2: 1:30-4:30pm</i>
<i>December 11th, 2018</i>	<i>Session 1: 8:30-11:30am</i>	<i>Session 2: 1:30-4:30pm</i>



“Today I participated in “A Day in the Life: A Perspective on Poverty”. I lived a month as a 19 year old high school dropout and single mother of a 1 year old with a live-in boyfriend. I thought making ends meet would be a simple exercise in good planning. One tiny transportation mishap later and the realities of the difficult situation started compounding. All my planning was for naught as I struggle with complexities such as not being able to pay rent until my boyfriend got home with cash or constantly running out of bus passes. Managing time and errands efficiently proved to be impossible. I ended the month in a far worse situation than I began, and we were amongst the luckiest of families in the simulation...”

- Karri Mitchell, Microsoft & 35 Under 35 Women’s Leadership Alumni

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER!

In order to make these simulations a success, we need great volunteers to play community roles to help depict the real life situations those in poverty face every day. Help us create awareness in our community for those living in poverty by volunteering for one or multiple sessions!

For questions about participating in or volunteering for the event, please email our team at unitedway@unitedwaycassclay.org or call us at 701-237-5050 **OR** Visit our website at www.unitedwaycassclay.org

Underlying many local social issues is a single but massive problem: POVERTY. One of United Way’s BOLD GOALS is to LIFT PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY. To fight poverty, we must first all seek to understand it.



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