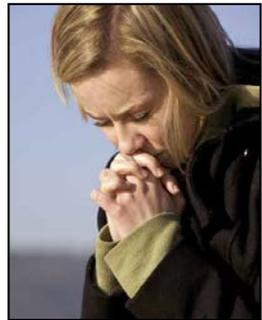




*Learn what it might be like to be poor and trying to survive month to month.*



*Discover the realities and stresses of living in poverty.*



*Experience what millions of Americans experience.*

EXPERIENCE A SIMULATION DESIGNED TO INCREASE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF POVERTY.



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# POVERTY SIMULATION

We cross paths every day with people who live in poverty. For some, the wear and tear is obvious; for others, it is a silent struggle.

Find out what it would be like to be in their shoes.



## The Promise of Community Action

*Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.*

*We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

### POVERTY SIMULATION

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Requesting For \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$500 plus travel expenses**  
**4 hour CEU's provided upon request.**

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### SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES

The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. It is a simulation- not a game. The object is to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people.

### THE SIMULATION

During a simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain their self-sufficiency on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources.

Although it uses "play" money and other props, fictional scenarios, and time limits, the poverty simulation is not a game. It is a simulation tool that enables participants to view poverty from different angles in an experiential setting, while empowering low-income volunteers by allowing them an opportunity to interact with leaders from their community.

### Simulation Outcomes are:

- Enhance awareness low income families face daily to provide basic needs
- Single parents trying to care for children
- Older adults trying to maintain independence on limited income
- Limited resources that are under staffed and unavailable

Poverty Simulation can provide training for up to 72 participants along with 15-17 volunteers to help with the workshop.

Poverty Simulations take approximately 3 hours to run. This includes orientation, the four- 15 minute weeks, and a debriefing period at the end of the simulation.