

Engaging Meeting/Kick-Off Idea



Activity:

Poverty Simulation

Audience:

Your staff (can be modified for a small or large group)

What is the Impact:

When we can afford it, the best decision seems obvious. For families in low-income communities, difficult choices are a daily struggle, and making life decisions can be tough. Small issues, without proper attention, have lasting effects. For those living in poverty, what might seem like small concerns can lead to crisis.

This poverty simulation prompts questions that make you think about decisions you'd make without sufficient resources. It is an eye opening experience for many who have never been placed in a situation such as these before.

The poverty simulation helps you see the need in the community, but also makes the connection that United Way is working with community partners to break the cycle of poverty in Greater Greensboro.

How it Works:

- United Way staff will guide your group through the simulation. The premise: UW will pose a question, ask for your staff to respond, and UW will help guide the conversation – bringing up points your staff may not have considered.
- Group size:
 - Small groups – individuals respond
 - Large groups – break up into 5-6 smaller groups, discuss each question as a small group, and a representative speaks on behalf of everyone.

Supplies:

PowerPoint slides provided by United Way

Time:

30 minutes