

POVERTY SIMULATION
Powerful, helpful, eye-opening

Allow yourself the adventure of this powerful and helpful experience of role-playing what it is like to live on the margins. You WILL be touched!

The Poverty Simulation is a 3-hour experience during which participants role-play being part of families living on food stamps, dealing with public transportation, losing jobs—living on the edge.

Unless-until-we walk in the shoes of another, we simply cannot understand what personal poverty is like. The Poverty Simulation is a safe place to have this eye-opening experience.

THE POVERTY SIMULATION

The event will be held at the **YWCA Bristol 106 State Street, on Thursday, October 23 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm**. It is designed to help participants understand what it is like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from week to week. **It is a simulation, not a game.** The goal is for participants to experience life in poverty.

In the simulation participants assume the roles of families facing poverty. Some families are newly unemployed, some are recently deserted by the “breadwinner,” some are homeless, and others are recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). Still others are senior citizens receiving Disability or Retirement or grandparents raising their grandchildren. The task of the “families” is to provide for basic necessities and shelter during the course of four 15-minute “weeks.”

This model simulation is used in communities across the nation. Participation is important for anyone who cares about their community.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Community Connections, if any (organization, church, business, civic club):

Please return this form with the \$10 Registration Fee by Oct 17 to: United Way of Bristol
315 8th Street, Bristol TN 37620 More info: www.unitedwaybristol.org Email: bristols_promise@yahoo.com

