

# “Eye-opening EXPERIENCE”

## HOSTING A POVERTY SIMULATION:

A business, group or organization may host a Poverty Simulation facilitated by United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties. Here are the logistics of hosting a Poverty Simulation:

- Time to promote the event and generate a confirmed participant list. (At least 45 days recommended.) We will also utilize this time to hold an orientation for volunteers who will help facilitate the simulation.
- Allow 2.5 - 3 hours for the event.
- A large, open room is required for the simulation (Roughly 3,500 sq ft.)
- 14 Tables, 185 chairs and a microphone are needed for the event. (Map provided)
- 30 - 80 Participants are needed
- 20 Volunteers are needed to facilitate the event (Volunteers will participate in simulation as different social services and agencies)
- UWDP will work with you to customize your debriefing period to ensure the simulation experience is valuable and applicable to your group.
- No cost

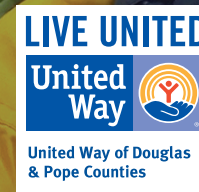
## INTERESTED?

If you are interested in hosting a simulation contact Jen Jabas, Executive Director, at the United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties:  
jjabas@uwdp.org or 320-834-7800.

## THANK YOU

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties is able to facilitate Poverty Simulations because of Missouri Association for Community Action’s Poverty Simulation kit and the commitment, passion and skills of generous partners who volunteer their time.

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# POVERTY SIMULATION AN INTERACTIVE GROUP EXPERIENCE

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UNITED WAY FIGHTS FOR THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY OF EVERY PERSON IN EVERY COMMUNITY.

# community OVERVIEW

76,534 PEOPLE IN CENTRAL MINNESOTA ARE LIVING IN POVERTY.

## DOUGLAS COUNTY

Percentage of Individuals living in poverty : **7.6%**  
(2,814 People)  
Free & Reduced Lunch Rates: %**29.9\***



## POPE COUNTY

Percentage of Individuals living in poverty: **7.2%**  
(779 People)  
Free & Reduced Lunch Rates: %**32.2\***



The federal poverty threshold for a household of two adults and two children is \$27,750. A total of 9% of people in Minnesota are living at or below the current poverty threshold.

*\*Qualification: A family of four needs to make an annual income below \$51,338 to qualify for free or reduced price meals. (Updated 2023)*

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties



## UNITED WAY OF DOUGLAS & POPE COUNTIES

is a non-profit organization working on a local level to advance the common good of our communities. We do this by supporting Partner Agencies and coordinating Community Impact Programs that work to advance education, health and financial stability.

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## WHAT IS A POVERTY SIMULATION?

A Poverty Simulation is an interactive experience where participants take on different roles that place them into scenarios that low-income families face.

The Poverty Simulation brings awareness to the realities of living in poverty. Roles are based off of real families. The goal of those participating in the simulation is to meet the needs of their family for one month. This is not a game.

The purpose of a Poverty Simulation is to raise awareness and increase understanding about what poverty looks like in our community. This allows us to better serve our community through addressing core needs residents have, so we can create real change locally.