



The Community Action Poverty Simulation Sponsored by the Raleigh Baptist Association

**Sunday, September 19, 2021
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Location: Raleigh Baptist Association
820 S. New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC 27610**

The Community Action Poverty Simulation breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others. Poverty is often portrayed as a stand alone issue - but this simulation allows individuals to walk a month in the shoes of someone who is facing poverty and realize how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are.

- A single parent with limited resources and no transportation must find a way to get to work and get their child to daycare.
- An elderly person must find a way to pay for both utilities and medication.
- A young adult must care for siblings while their parent is incarcerated.
- An elderly couple must raise their grandchildren and deal with their own health and employment issues.

During the simulation, participants are assigned roles as members of a low-income family or as a provider of a community resource (teacher, employer, etc.). To start the exercise, each family is given a card explaining its unique circumstances and a small amount of money. The task of each family is to provide food, shelter and other basic necessities during the 4 15-minute “weeks” in the simulation while interacting with various community resources around the perimeter of the room. After the experience, individuals then have the opportunity to discuss what they’ve learned with their peers. The Community Action Poverty Simulation is a tool that helps participants rethink the challenges that millions of low income individuals must face each and every day. More importantly, this tool helps people identify areas of change that can directly impact the effects of poverty on individuals, families and communities

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