



You are invited to a

# Poverty Simulation

*How do the poor live? Experience their hardships and see what YOU can do to alleviate poverty.*

Sat, Feb. 20, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church  
Community Center - 1971 St. Lawrence Drive, Santa Clara

Registration is free – lunch is included, a \$5 donation is appreciated

To sign up, e-mail: [povertysimulation@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:povertysimulation@catholiccharitiesscc.org)

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More about the experience:

The Poverty Simulation is a unique tool that educates about the day-to-day realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress.

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 challenges and community resources staffed by low income volunteers.



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 the real world of poverty.

Learn more about the Step Up Silicon Valley Campaign to Cut Poverty at: [stepupsv.org](http://stepupsv.org)