

Domestic Poverty and Hunger

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Introductions

Moving past feeding/housing
Success is determined by the number of bags being given out
So much ignorance about poverty—people unaware, Some poor too proud to seek assistance
How can we impact our state budgets

Programs: A little effort can have a huge impact
Second Harvest
SNAP outreach
Use of the computers in public libraries to access SNAP and other resources
Immigration fears—reluctance to give out information
School meals often the only meal for children
WIC
FRAC--Food Research ----
Feeding America
USDA website—help for farmers market be able to accept EBT (electronic benefit transfer) cards
The Big Blue Cupboard
Cooking classes—at the end of the class, families keep slow cooker or pan
Share Our Strength—Cooking Matters
Operation Sharing—Food for Friends—grocery stores collect \$.25 towards gift cards
Use of coupons—give out at clinics—Volunteer organizes and gives out, explains use
Oregon Ecumenical —handbook on community gardens, kitchens—classes on canning
Programs at Senior Centers
Wal-Mart, Pepsi, and others have mobile trucks to deliver to rural or apartment dwellers
Big Money corporations, mindful of their image, can be a rich resource
Farmers Markets often willing to connect
Offer financial planning
Housing-Affordable—the next Looming Crisis
 Repair of housing
Coordination—Salvation Army as a clearinghouse to explain different agencies
The need to gather stories about hunger and food insecurity
Poverty simulation, designed in context
Impact of the lack of public transportation
The need to feed before educating, work in layers
The need to offer volunteers different kinds of opportunities, so they will be willing to serve
Political action, community organizing
Share Our Strength website
Dairy Councils
School meals: increase number of meals

Human dignity honored

Book--Howard Hanchey Survival to Celebration

Do We See Them?

Alice: What would be helpful for the initiative? What do we want to see?

Provide most user-friendly forms, questionnaires, etc. Difficult to get people to respond. Put on Deacon Update, people can opt out.

Sometimes the poor are just too close to me. We have a need to distance ourselves from poor people---they must have made poor choices