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Sent: March 7, 2025 3:19 PM
To: Shelly Armstrong <sarmstrong@flagstaff.ab.ca>
Subject: Poverty Simulation Invitation to Council

Good afternoon Shelly,

I wanted to extend a personal invitation to County Council to attend the Poverty Simulation we are hosting on April 4 in partnership with Flagstaff Community Adult Learning, Alberta Health Services and the United Way. We invite councillors to step into the first-hand challenges faced by many residents who are facing economic and social hardships on a daily basis. As uncertainty continues to grow, this event will provide an opportunity to bridge the gap between policy and real-life experiences and strategic decision making.

I have attached a poster with details to the info and if you or anyone on council has questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,
Stacey McLennan

Imagine a life in poverty.



We live in one of the most prosperous regions in North America. Today, **11% of people in Flagstaff County** are experiencing poverty. Preschool aged children and seniors are most affected.

We invite you to take part in a **Poverty Simulation**. Discover what it's like not to have enough income to meet basic needs.

When: Friday, April 4, 2025

Where: Hardisty Community Hall

Time: Registration: 8:45 Simulation: 9:30 -Noon Lunch provided

Register: FFCS - 780-385-3976 or reception@flagstafffcs.ca

What is a Poverty Simulation? It is a unique and powerful experience which challenges perceptions, changes perspectives and strengthens understanding and empathy. During this event, participants experience a month of living in poverty, based on the lives of real families here in Alberta. Volunteers populate the simulation as business owners, teacher, police officers, agency workers, service providers and government employees, allowing the participants to experience a full range of encounters, obstacles and challenges.

Register by: March 25, 2025



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