



# PERSPECTIVE THROUGH IMMERSION

**Impact Experiences** are a powerful, experiential opportunity for people to learn about and engage in poverty awareness. This experience is designed to increase social awareness of the challenges living in poverty can present by giving participants a glimpse of the barriers faced by a low-income family surviving month to month.

## **Gaining Perspective Through Immersion** (2.5 – 3 hours)

Participants will take part in a budget experience, interacting with volunteers playing the roles of bill collectors, school administrators, service providers, and other community resource members. The simulation creates a community of people living in poverty for one “month”, comprised of four 15-minute weeks. During this hour, each family unit will connect with community resources to meet their basic needs on a limited income. Participants will have to navigate a variety of unforeseen hardships that will arise. The experience lasts about 3 hours and includes a debriefing discussion allowing participants and volunteers to share their experiences and learn about ways they can get involved in poverty reduction in our community.

## **Through participating in *Gaining Perspective Through Immersion*, your company or organization can benefit from:**

- A Corporate Social Responsibility activity that can initiate meaningful discussions and develop a deeper understanding of poverty, resulting in conversations about system change and ways that we can all influence change.
- Unique team-building experience, helping to develop empathy and understanding among participants.
- Incorporate as a part of your team’s diversity, equity, and inclusion training.



### **For more information**

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