

Poverty In NYC

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INTRODUCTION

Imagine living on the street. No home, no food, no money, no change of clothes, no school, nothing. Poverty is a serious issue which we can only stop by working together. More than 1.4 million people throughout the 5 boroughs go hungry everyday.

This report is about poverty. Poverty is becoming a bigger issue by the year. From 2010 to 2012, the poverty rate in NYC rose from 20.1% to 21.2%. Locally or globally, poverty exists almost everywhere. New York is one major place, but many other places have even worse poverty, such as Africa. People are dying every year from starvation and thirst. People in poverty can't usually afford things such as clothes, homes, even places to bathe. If you want to learn about poverty and how you can help, you should read this report!

EXPLAIN THE ISSUE

There are many causes for poverty, but one major cause is Unemployment. Unemployment is the number one issue in America. Poverty is not having a home, place to sleep, and not having food, right? Well for all those things you need money? Where do you usually get money from? Your job.

Many people in New York are affected by poverty. New York is only one city out of hundreds that are affected by poverty. You will find many people on the street with no home asking for money or for food. Sometimes homeless people that don't have food go to soup kitchens for

free food.

Another major place affected by poverty is Africa. Everyday people in Africa go hungry, thirsty, get diseases, and many other issues. People in Africa are dying from hunger everyday. You can help prevent this by donating money to various organizations that help people in Africa. More than 41% of people in Africa live on less than \$1 a day.

People are saying many different things about the issue most are that poverty is a big issue. I personally think poverty should be the greatest concern. Some people are thinking differently about how we should deal with poverty but most of the people think poverty is big and that something needs to be done about it. People are enjoying huge feasts while millions of people are starving to death! I hope people read this report and change their mind about what they say about poverty.

CURRENT EVENTS

Poverty in America and New York is very rarely life threatening although there are many many people without enough food and going hungry every day. If you make less than \$11,500 year you are considered to be in poverty. If a family of four makes \$23,000, they are considered poor. The New York Times reports said that about 21% of New Yorkers are now considered poor, while the richest people are only getting richer. Manhattan saw a huge jump of poverty with the rate raising by 1.9% from the previous year, but the Bronx had the highest rate with now 30.4% of its population living in poverty. New York City's poverty rate rose for the third year in a row leaving almost 74,000 more people below the poverty line in 2011.

People are not reacting very well to this. Mostly everyone in New York knows this is happening, some people want to help but don't know where to go to help or how to help. In this report I will tell you about many

organizations that are helping people in poverty. You can donate to these organizations so you can help too.

METHODS OF CHANGE

There are many organizations that are helping change poverty both locally and globally. Three organizations that I will talk about are City Harvest, The John Doe Fund, and World Vision. City Harvest goes to shops and restaurants that allows City Harvest to take just a little food and brings it to people in poverty who need food. Just a small bit of food can help a family from starving. Dontate now on <http://www.cityharvest.org/>. World Vision takes kids from all over the world who are in poverty. They make a profile for each of them with facts about them. You can donate to them for as little as \$35 a month! You can also read their stories about how they became poor and watch videos that share their stories. Like I said earlier about joblessness being on of the main causes of poverty, the John Doe fund helps people with no jobs. Have you ever seen someone walking around the city parks in the blue uniforms that say “Ready, Willing, and Able” those people work for the John Doe Fund. The John Doe fund helps by taking people in poverty and gives them temporary jobs to earn some money. Later the John Doe Fund helps them get permanent jobs.

There are many organizations in the world that are helping to address this issue. But what are students my age, in grades 5-8, doing? When your school does trick-or-treat for UNICEF some of the money goes to poverty. Just by donating a little money to UNICEF you can feed kids for the day, or if you raise enough you could build a well, or give kids school supplies they can't afford. If your school doesn't do trick-or-treat for UNICEF, you should look in to it! Anyone can help just by donating a little money. Another thing Middle school kids are doing is donating to City Harvest. Every year in my school, we have something called a food drive. You can bring in any kind of canned food or food in a box and it goes to city harvest

for people who can't afford food and are hungry. Just by donating a few dollars or a box of pasta you could help people stay alive. Or maybe you can go around New York buying food for people to get them through the day, or give them enough money for a hotel.

CALL FOR ACTION

Are you interested in helping people in poverty? Here are some specific organizations and projects you can participate in.

City Harvest	Donate food to people who can't afford food and are starving.	http://www.cityharvest.org/
World Vision	Donate money to kids in poverty for as little as just \$35 a month for a kid.	http://www.worldvision.org/ty-for-a-child?campaign=115133&gclid=CKCPk5CK4LFWXI7AodmH4ASw\
Trick-Or-Treat for Unicef	On Halloween instead of candy you can ask for money for Unicef to helps kids in poverty, people that need water or food, and many other things	http://www.trickortreatforunicef.org/
Hunger relief international	Donate to kids that need food, water, safe homes, and many more for as little as \$10 to \$500	https://www.hungerreliefinternational.org/

To stop this issue I think one thing would be good. Donating to City Harvest is good but what if there problem isn't food. What if they need houses? Or clothes, or something else. Donating money is good because it will get them whatever they need. Donate now to the Organizations I have listed!

CONCLUSION

This report shows you why poverty is such an important issue and ways you can stop it. You can help many people in poverty just by donating a little money to the organizations I have listed. I know together we can make a difference and help people in poverty if we work together and start small.

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