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CCHD Poverty Scenarios
Scenario B

Directions: In this activity, you will receive a scenario based on a real problem confronted by people living in poverty. Your group needs to come up with two solutions to this situation. One solution has to be based on "charitable works." How can you meet the immediate needs of individuals or families? The other solution needs to be based on "social justice." How can we help to correct the problem in the community in the long term?

Women, especially minority women, generally have a lower income and fewer work opportunities than men. In the San Francisco Bay Area, an estimated 37% of Latino households are barely able to meet their basic needs. It is difficult for these households to escape poverty because few employment opportunities are available. Existing employment opportunities for low-income women often involve unskilled, sometimes hazardous, labor and minimal pay. For example a woman may work cleaning hospital rooms with toxic products while not wearing gloves. As she heads home from work she may struggle with cracking skin on her hands as well as headaches and dizziness. These women carry the chemicals home with them on their clothing, consequently putting their children at risk. Finally, despite working full time, these women are often without benefits like health insurance.

What would you do to help address this situation?

Charitable Works:

Social Justice: