

Let's Celebrate

January 2025

Poverty in America Awareness Month

Educate

- Poverty in America Awareness Month Facts
- Experience the challenges those in poverty face every day. SPENT is an online experience that simulates the challenges of poverty. Players start with \$1,000 to last the month. Players are faced with tough situations and run into obstacles that force them into making deciding on what is more important...pay for groceries or gas bill?
- Educate yourself and or start a book club that focuses on poverty in America.
- Take a quiz to test your knowledge of poverty.
- Share ANFP's post on social media platforms to spread awareness.
- **New!** Learn about who and how poverty affects in America.

Take Action

- Understand what can be done to reduce poverty.
- Hold a food/clothing drive at your facility for a local food bank/shelter.
- Donate money or requested items to your local food bank or shelter.
- Click to give; go to the Hunger Site and click to give (for free), and learn about other ways to give.
- Advocate for change and write your Congressperson.
- **New!** Take a poverty fact quiz to improve your understanding of poverty.



Chapters

- Host a virtual event/webinar with a guest speaker. Speakers you may consider for a session:
 - Local college/university economics professor
 - State lawmakers or local government officials
 - Executive director/CEO of local or state anti-poverty association/charity
- Help spread the word: Change your chapter's social media profile pictures with a logo or include the information in your January newsletter (if applicable).
- Hold a virtual food drive contest – Create a contest among chapter members for the member or facility that collects the most food. (Consider a giveaway for the winner!)
- Start a virtual discussion group. Invite members to watch a specific film/documentary/TED Talk and have a discussion around the film. Here are few examples:
 - Films on Poverty & Additional suggested films
 - TED Talks on Poverty