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Poverty Where I Live

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Having lived in Idaho Falls almost all my life I have lived in a low poverty area and seen what people do to make it from day to day. Now am living a lot better, my parents have good jobs and work hard for everything they have. Kids between the ages of 18-24 have a lot of trouble for various reasons. The big one's I see is lack of education and drug use. I have some friends that are a little older than me and I see that poverty comes to them because they have dropped out of school. Seeing the kids that have finished school, a lot are just too lazy to go out and get good jobs. I've seen a lot of people arrested and lose everything they had because they used drugs, rather than make something out of them self. The kids that do finish school, and try hard, they end up doing well. They just have to put their mind to it. If there were fewer drugs on the street, then there would be less crime. I have started working hard and saving money, so I don't end up living at a low poverty level. Right now I'm working hard at changing my life. Keeping my mind at work I know I can reach great distances, I only have to work hard to get there. Having a good stable job in my dad's company, working heating and A.C. witch will help me stay out of poverty. Being active in plenty of community events as well.

Having worked at places like the soup kitchen, I've been around a lot of low poverty people. They do not deserve to be treated any different then anyone else. All people should be treated with respect no matter what race they are. We all should have the right to try for the same things, as long as we work hard.

My community has funding for low poverty level citizens, such as Idaho Housing. Depending on how much money you make, that determines how much your bills are. I think that that would help a lot of people out of living in poverty. We have things like food banks, food shelters, and surplus stores. However we should have a place for the homeless people to go and sleep, so they are not out doors.

My family and I have been driving down the road and seen people asking for help. We don't usually give them money, but we have gone to stores and bought food to give to them. I have donated money to churches to help, or even gone to the bank and donated money when they have fundraisers around the holidays. For the people who don't have the best education, they should be able to get some schooling to get their GED or complete their diploma, if they are not to far from completing it. Some people have too much pride to ask for help, but if they did, they would be a lot better off than they are now. People, who sleep on the street, deserve a worm nights sleep just like anyone else.

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If we all give a little then we can all make a difference in our community. I plan on working hard through out my life so, my family and I do not have to be in the same place I was most of my life.

Sincerely,

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