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## Affects of Poverty

Poverty in Idaho is a really bad problem. I will address the problem about the high poverty rate in young adults and what can be done to reduce it, what my plans are to stay out of poverty, and what programs I think my community should have to assist people in poverty.

The reason that the poverty rate is so high in young adults in Idaho is because people don't have jobs that offer medical care and insurance. Eventually they get sick and have to pay out of their pockets for the doctor bill and then go into debt, which puts them in a poverty situation. But the people that do have good jobs and could pay the doctor bill if need be are the ones that are offered medical care. So in short, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. I believe that all people should have medical care no matter what they get paid.

My plans to stay out of poverty the best I can is to live with my mother this summer instead of paying the high amount of rent that it costs these days. Then of course, I will get a job that offers medical care, and I will save the money that I make to attend college. My goal will be to become a lawyer that does some free work to help people that don't have medical care or have the money to get the help that they need. I believe that all people deserve to live pain free and not have the burden of debt for something they have no control over.

I have recognized that Pocatello is building a new bank. Do we really need a new bank? I don't think so. I think we should use the money on something more important. I live in Bannock House and one of the programs that they offer us is independent living. They help teach us all the things that we will need to know about living on our own such as taxes, and how to find a job. I

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think that Pocatello should get a center where people can go and get the help and guidance they need.

I feel so strongly about helping people getting medical care because of the fact that my mother is sick and needs surgery. Her job does not offer her the medical care that she needs and so the doctors said that they couldn't do the surgery. The doctors told us to go to Health and Welfare for help but then they to turned her down. Her pain is so bad and makes it so difficult for her to walk or drive a car. The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence both state that "we have the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." How is someone supposed to be happy when they are always in pain? These are the reasons I think people are in poverty, some plans to have to stay out of poverty, and the helpful program that Pocatello, Idaho could use.