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POVERTY AROUND THE WORLD

Poverty. This one word is affecting people all over the world. I know when I go shopping for new things I am very grateful for the opportunity I have to do so. When I have things that I can no longer put to my own use, I donate them to foundations that give these things to people who are less fortunate. I know that most schools, both public and private, spend two or three weeks a year raising money and collecting canned food for these less fortunate people. Poverty can come in many forms, such as race, sex, religion and different ages. It really doesn't matter where you live or where you attend school. Poverty is poverty, no matter where you are.

Poverty for people from ages 18 to 24 in Idaho is really high. I feel that the reason for this is because these people are either just getting started on their own with college, work, or just moving out of their parent's house. In my opinion, it would be hard to move out young because of the poverty level for young adults. Picture this, your between 18 and 24 eager to be on your own, but when you get out there, you don't know the first thing about surviving on your own. Money management, taxes, food, and housing; this is where I feel we could have more classes to help young adults with these kinds of problems. It would be even better if we could start this kind of program for high school students. So when the time comes, for a younger person to move out of the home, they would have all the tools they need for future success.

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How I am working on staying out of poverty is I am asking more questions. Asking questions to my parents is helpful; like what are the better companies for insurance, where are the best places to buy a car or rent an apartment? I also help my mom look for food for the family at different stores to check out the prices and see the differences in the costs and compare the better quality of the food. I also do this, very often, with my clothes and school supplies. I think these kind of hands-on activities will help me in the long run because I am practicing at an early age how to manage my money, look for the best deals, and ask for help when I need it.

In Pocatello, Idaho we have places like The Food Bank and Seicca. These are programs that help out the people who are going through hard times and who are experiencing poverty first hand. I really do feel that having a program for middle schools and high schools would be very effective for our community. That way kids and almost young adults could have the opportunity to prevent themselves from falling into the poverty life. I also think this would lower the poverty level in the future for our young adults. **Poverty**. One word, and one person can make a difference. That person could be you!