POVERTY - How can I help?

Donate Your Old Clothes (All Ages)
Imagine a child that does not have enough clothes to wear. They may not have clean clothes to wear to school. What are some ways that you could help your peers?

• Do you have clothes that are too small or that you don't wear?
• Do you have a donation bin somewhere near your house?

Ask your parents if you can donate your old clothes to a homeless shelter, a donation box, or to your school (if your school accepts clothes donations.)

Plan a Clothes Drive (Middle and High School Students)
On a separate sheet of paper, create an outline of a plan to give back. Follow the directions and answer the questions below to get started.

• Get a plan together to have a clothes drive at school, in the fall.
• Start thinking about how you will promote people donating to your clothes drive.
• Will you make posters and put them up around your school or neighborhood?
• When and where will you collect the clothes?
• Will you set up donation boxes where people can drop off clothes or have one event?
• Research organizations that accept clothing donations and select one. (Some organizations sell the clothes that are donated and some organizations give clothes away to those in need.)
• Make phone calls or send emails (with your parent or guardian’s help) to local clothes closets.

Once you have either checked off each item above or gathered answers to the questions, talk with a parent or guardian about your idea. Prepare to talk with a teacher, principal, or counselor at the beginning of the school year. Ask that person if they will be your advisor and staff mentor for your clothes donation drive.

Visit https://www.serve.gov/site-page/toolkits/clothing-drive/index?q=site-page/toolkits/clothing-drive/index-started to find out how to get started with your clothes drive.