TOGETHERHOOD: Poverty Simulation & Hygiene Kit Packing

Name of Project: Poverty Simulation & Hygiene Kit Packing

YMCA: YMCA Teen Achievers & Youth in Government

Partner: Triune Mercy Center & Our Eyes Were Opened, Inc.

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2016

Over 30 students from Greenville County, SC high schools visited Triune Mercy Center, a local church that provides food and resources for homeless and impoverished individuals where they learned about what it means to be homeless, how drug addiction and mental illness effects the homeless population, and ate a meal with the homeless individuals that come to the church for hot meals.

Following the visit, at the request of Truine, students collected items for 500 hygiene kits that were distributed to those in need.

Students also participated in a two-hour poverty simulation led by Beth Templeton, CEO of Our Eyes Were Opened, Inc. Following the poverty simulation, the students heard from Deb Richardson-Moore, Pastor at the Triune Mercy Center and author of The Weight of Mercy, about her experiences working in a church that provides food and services to the homeless.