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DEKALB SCHOOLS TO HOST POVERTY SIMULATION

Community members can experience the realities of poverty in a unique simulation hosted by DeKalb County Central United Schools and conducted by CANI (Community Action of Northeast Indiana) **on Wednesday, April 8 from 4:00-6:30 pm at DeKalb Middle School, 3338 County Road 427, Waterloo, Indiana.**

Designed by the Missouri Association for Community Action, the **Poverty Simulation** was created to help people better understand the realities of poverty. It enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of angles and then to recognize and discuss the potential for change within their local communities.

The public is invited to participate in this free simulation event, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information or to secure a spot, please go online at www.canihelp.org/povertysimulation or contact Kristen Keuhl at CANI, (260) 423-3546, ext. 262 by April 6th.

“This program helps people understand the complexities and frustrations of living in poverty day to day,” said Steve Hoffman, President/CEO of CANI. “With a greater awareness of its impact, we can more effectively address the poverty issues in our community.”

Participants will role-play the lives of low-income families. Some are homeless, some are disabled, and others are senior citizens on Social Security. They will be faced with the stressful task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during the course of the simulation. They will interact with human service agencies, grocers, pawnbrokers, bill collectors, job interviewers, police officers and others.

CANI helps communities, families, and individuals remove the causes and conditions of poverty. For more information about CANI and the services provided, see www.canihelp.org.

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