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**Pikes Peak United Way partners with Colorado Springs School District  
11 for a Poverty Simulator for D-11 staff**

**May 29, 2019, Colorado Springs, CO** – Pikes Peak United Way will be hosting a Poverty Simulator from 1- 3:30 p.m. today, May 29, at the Tesla Education Center (2115 Afton Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80909). Participants experience the day-to-day realities of life with a shortage of money and a lot of stress!

For this poverty simulator, we've partnered with District 11 and Educating Children of Color, Inc. Approximately 58 percent of D-11 students qualify for free and reduced lunch. This simulator is part of a two day training to explore the impact of poverty and implicit bias on interactions with students and peers.

This is an engaging activity for companies, students, families and nonprofits. Previous Poverty Simulators have inspired participants to get involved to help those in need.

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**About Pikes Peak United Way**

Pikes Peak United Way works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key quality of life building blocks - education, income and health. Pikes Peak United Way creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes that prevent progress in these areas. For more information about Pikes Peak United Way, please visit [ppunitedway.org](http://ppunitedway.org).