

JANUARY

Unidos Podemos

TOGETHER WE CAN GIVE BACK

CALENDAR

Poverty in America Awareness Month - January

New Year's Day - 1

World Peace Day - 1

World Braille Day - 4

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - 20

World Freedom Day - 23



FOR TEACHERS who want to dig deeper in the classroom.



[Link to Activity](#)

In this lesson, students will read the book *Those Shoes*. The guide linked above provides before, during, and after-reading discussion questions. Choose from activities and discussion questions for your students to learn more about empathy, generosity, and social awareness.

Grades K-2



[Link to Activity](#)

In this lesson from Teaching Tolerance, students critically investigate the causes and meaning of poverty in our own nation and offer students tools for change, and new ways to interpret the world around them.

Grades 3-5



[Link to Activity](#)

Students will explore the causes of poverty in the United States and the structural factors that perpetuate it. Students will work to discover why it disproportionately affects members of non-dominant groups—that is, groups that have historically been oppressed.

Grades 6-8

FOR PARENTS who want to have these discussions at home.

Talk About It: *Poverty and Homelessness*

Research at UCLA suggests that engaging with children in conversations about meaningful similarities and differences between wealth and poverty is an important step to reducing stereotypic beliefs and nurturing a sense of critical consciousness and civic identity. When talking with your children:

Don't ignore it, but mind your words.



Encourage concern, compassion, and action instead of pity.



Talk about poverty and homelessness as situational, not individualistic.



Check out this conversation guide [here](#).

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT for you to get involved.

Community Services Agency (CSA)

[Link to Website](#)

CSA follows a strategy of first contact for the area's needy, providing fundamental services and referring clients to other agencies for additional services.



Caring for the Homeless

CSA's Alpha Omega Homeless Services provides case management, direct assistance, and referral services (most importantly housing) to individuals and families.

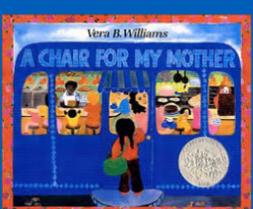
Caring for the Unemployed

CSA's Food and Nutrition Center supplements the nutrition requirements of needy families with fresh and staple groceries.

Caring for the Elderly

Case managers deliver in-home assessments, counseling, referrals, and educational seminars, designed to allow local seniors to remain safe and independent.

RELEVANT LITERATURE for kids to read about it.



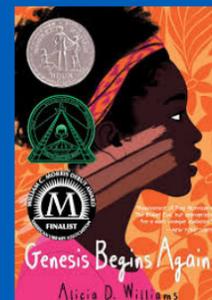
A Chair for My Mother
by Vera B. Williams

Grades K-2



Crenshaw
by Katherine Applegate

Grades 3-5



Genesis Begins Again
by Alicia D. Williams

Grades 6-8