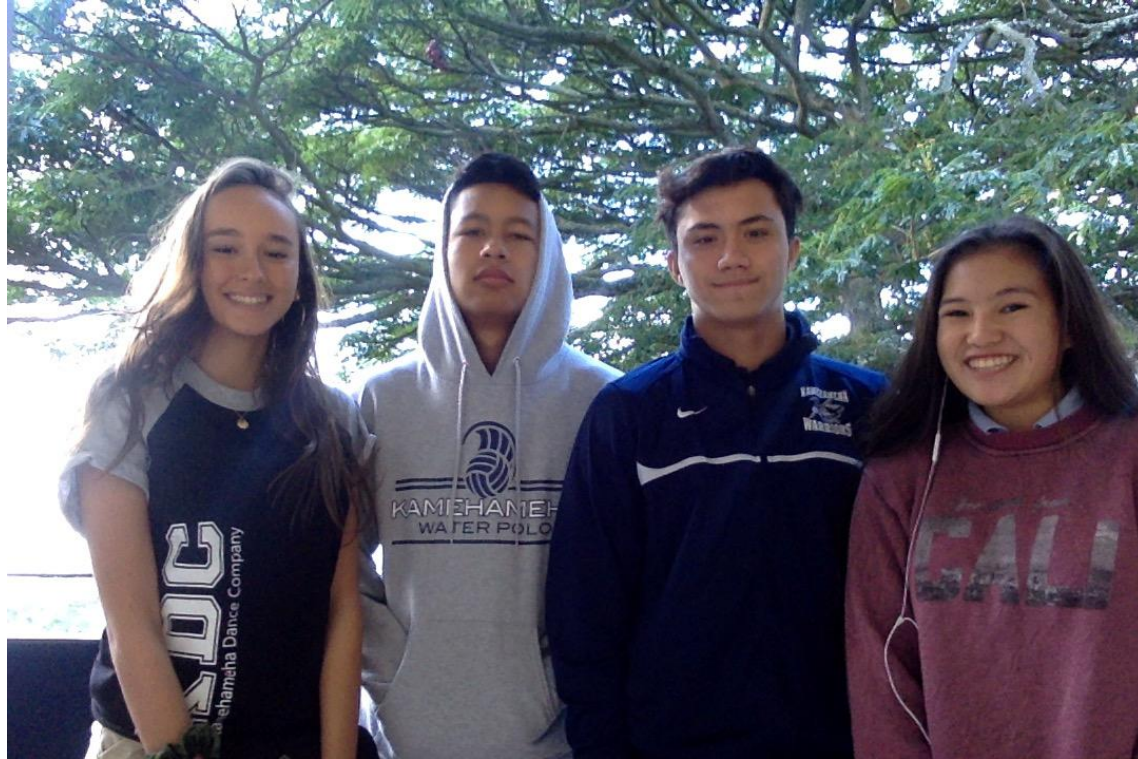


CURING POVERTY

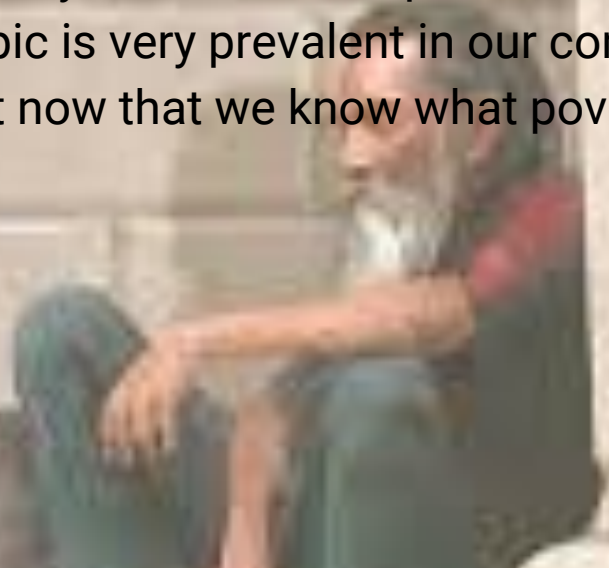
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OUR GROUP

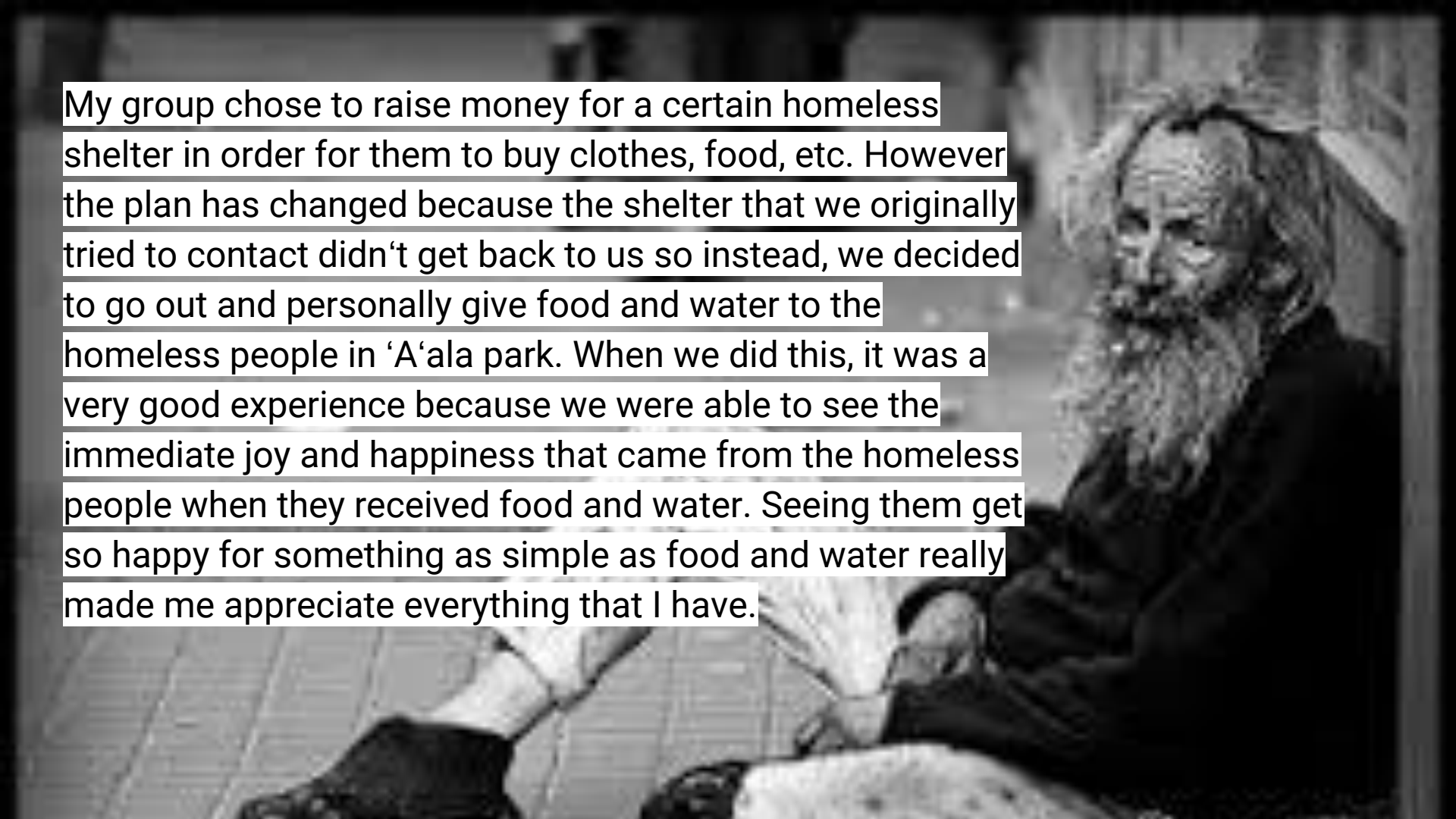


KASON

My group chose to focus on the topic of Poverty; the state of being extremely poor. We chose this topic because there is a lot of homelessness here in Hawaii, so by learning more about this topic we can better understand the reasoning behind the large amount of people in poverty and how to help them. This is important to learn about because this topic is very prevalent in our community. Not only is it important to learn about but now that we know what poverty is, we should do what we can to help “cure” it.



My group chose to raise money for a certain homeless shelter in order for them to buy clothes, food, etc. However the plan has changed because the shelter that we originally tried to contact didn't get back to us so instead, we decided to go out and personally give food and water to the homeless people in 'A'ala park. When we did this, it was a very good experience because we were able to see the immediate joy and happiness that came from the homeless people when they received food and water. Seeing them get so happy for something as simple as food and water really made me appreciate everything that I have.



CAITLIN

Poverty is something that's happening all over the world including Hawai'i. For example in Hawai'i we suffer from a lot of homelessness. Statistics show that Hawai'i has the highest population on homelessness in the U.S.

I feel that this is an important issue to help because people in poverty deserve to be able to turn around their life and become successful and have a stable living, but in order to do that they need a little help to get back on their feet.



For our groups Kahiau project our first plan was to sell free dress tickets and donate the money to an organization but that didn't work out. So then we made and passed out food to the homeless people at 'a'ala park and it went really well. We were able to pass out all of the food that we made.

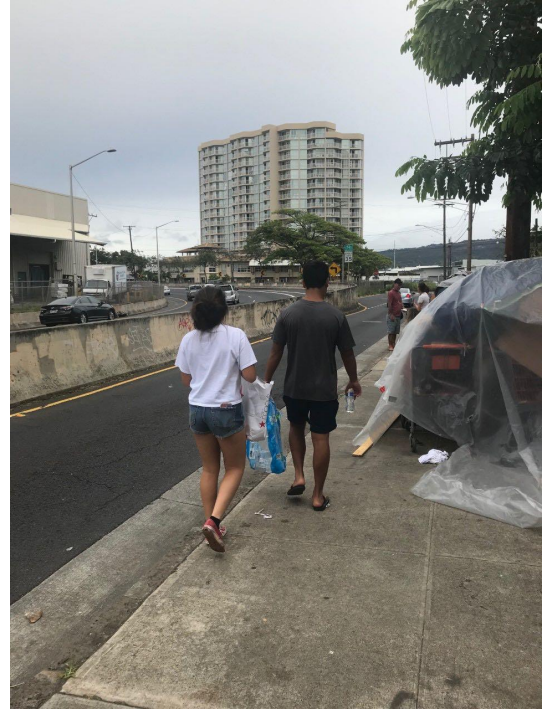
Overall from doing the Kahiau project I liked how we were able to research and do a project on helping out the community. This project really showed me how we can make a difference even with a school project like this.



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My groups project is poverty which is hugely affecting Hawai'i and will probably continue to affect Hawai'i for many years to come. Poverty also affects our image as Native Hawaiians because Hawai'i has the highest homeless rate in the U.S. and 70% of the homeless population here are Hawaiians. So this is a serious problem that my group isn't looking to cure (because that would be insanely hard) but to make a difference in showing people that people our age can make a change.

Our project ideas have bounced around a lot over the course of this project from selling food, to volunteering, and then finally landing on giving food to the homeless at the park.



NALANI

As probably stated previously my groups project topic is poverty. Poverty is a very big issue in Hawaii. One in 6 Hawaii residents live in poverty, according to the Census Bureau's "supplemental poverty measure." My thoughts on poverty here in Hawaii is that it is very real and many people chose to ignore the problem. This is why my group and I are trying to help in our own way that we can.



Our project or helping the problem is important because it helps to spread awareness to others so they can also help in anyway they can. My groups plan changed because at first we wanted to sell free dress tickets to fundraise money to donate. Our final plan was to give food to homeless at 'a'ala park.

I learned that it is difficult to make a big difference to many people in poverty but I learned that by together you can affect more people. I still think though that doing anything to help this problem can change someone's life.

WHY POVERTY IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC

Poverty is an important topic because it is a very prevalent issue world wide, and especially in our local community.

This project was not only to help those in need, but to also give us a closer look at what poverty really is. When we went out and personally handed them food and water, we were able to see just how horrible it is to live in poverty.

Along with that, poverty is an important topic because it is a major issue in Hawai'i. According to statistics about 1 in 6 people in Hawai'i live in poverty.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Due to changes in plan we ended up feeding the homeless at 'A'ala Park. This still connects to the research we found because statistics show that Hawai'i has the highest population of homeless people in the U.S. After feeding the homeless we realized how much homeless people there are because while we were feeding them we ran out of food really fast and towards the end we had to start looking for small groups of people because we only had a limited amount of food left.

In an article article it talked about how Hawai'i has the highest population of homelessness in the United States. Even though everyone thinks that Hawai'i is full of "paradise", they don't realize how much people are living in Poverty. Homelessness is such a big problem here in Hawai'i that the government made a law saying that people can't sit on the sidewalk anymore. Along with that the government has took down hundreds of tents along the sidewalks in town. This has made it really hard for homeless people to provide for their family or to get back on their feet because it has left a lot of people with nowhere to stay. We saw this when we went to the park because there was a lot more people there since they got kicked out of kaka'ako.

VIDEOS



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