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Get Involved in the Fight Against Poverty

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We're proud to collaborate with [The Nation](#) in sharing insightful journalism related to income inequality in America. The following is an excerpt from Nation contributor [Greg Kaufmann's](#) "[This Week in Poverty](#)" column.

Regular readers of my work know the statistics: more than 46 million Americans living below the poverty line on less than \$18,000 annually for a family of three. More than 1 in 3 of us — 106 million Americans — living on less than \$36,000 a year, struggling to afford the basics like food, housing, healthcare and education.

Meanwhile, food stamps are under attack by both Republicans and [Democrats](#) despite the fact that 50 million Americans are struggling with [hunger](#); cash assistance ([TANF](#)) reaches only 27 of every 100 families living in poverty; the minimum wage is a [poverty wage](#), and there is a [proliferation of low-wage work](#).

Our nation could reverse these trends if we wanted to — that's one of the key motivations for *The Nation* in creating this blog — that it's simply not true that “we don't know what to do about poverty.”

Below are just some of the good groups that can help you get informed and get involved in the fight against poverty. If you were to regularly follow even a half dozen of them, you would probably know more about poverty than most Members of Congress.

Check them out, sign up for their e-mails and get involved:

Children, Parents and Families

[Broader, Bolder Approach to Education](#)

[Children's Defense Fund](#)

[Children's HealthWatch](#)

[First Focus](#)

[Family Independence Initiative](#)

[Legal Momentum](#)

[National Partnership for Women and Families](#)
[National Women's Law Center](#)

Healthcare, Disability and Aging

[The Arc](#)
[Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Social Security Task Force](#)
[National Council on Aging](#)

Housing and Homelessness

[Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness](#)
[Home Defenders League](#)
[National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty](#)
[National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
[Occupy Our Homes](#)

Hunger

[Center for Hunger-Free Communities/Witnesses to Hunger](#)
[Food Research and Action Center](#)
[New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#)
[Share Our Strength](#)

Justice and Courts

[Center for Court Innovation](#)

Race and Civil Rights

[Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights](#)
[Poverty & Race Research Action Council](#)

Research

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)
[Center for Economic and Policy Research](#)
[Demos](#)
[Economic Policy Institute](#)
[National Employment Law Project](#)
[Urban Institute: MetroTrends](#)

Workers' Rights

[Caring Across Generations](#)
[Coalition of Immokalee Workers](#)
[Interfaith Worker Justice](#)
[Jobs with Justice](#)
[Restaurant Opportunities Centers \(ROC\) United](#)

Multi-issue Groups

[Alliance for a Just Society](#)

[Center for Community Change](#)

[Center for Law and Social Policy](#)

[Coalition on Human Needs](#)

[Community Action Partnership](#)

[Half In Ten](#)

[Jewish Council for Public Affairs](#)

[LIFT](#)

[National Council of La Raza](#)

[National Nurses United](#)

[NETWORK](#)

[PolicyLink](#)

[Progressive States Network](#)

[RESULTS](#)

[The Rural Assistance Center](#)

[Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law](#)

[Spotlight on Poverty](#)

[Western Center on Law & Poverty](#)



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