

Living on \$2 a Day @ UMW

Brief History of the Project

During the spring semester of 2007, Dr. Shawn Humphrey gave the students of his Economic Development class a unique challenge: live on \$2 a day for a week. This challenge is now the “Living on \$2 a Day Project”. This project asks participants to get sponsored for taking the challenge. With the donations collected, they will partner up with KIVA.org. The students enrolled in Economic Development took their challenge and the message of Global Poverty to Facebook and the university newspaper (*The Bullet*). What started as a project for one class has been transformed into a university-wide event. Participants from other courses and multiple disciplines have signed up. An exercise in experiential learning for one class now has the possibility of concluding in tangible assistance for impoverished individuals around the globe.