

Springfield Soup Kitchen

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BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

- The Springfield population is just over 58,000, including over 2,500 people who are homeless.
- There is a need for healthcare access among the homeless, creating an opportunity to provide monitoring of basic vitals and provide education.
- Our purpose is to educate and provide health professionals with quality medical supplies to properly evaluate patients and identify gaps in healthcare in underserved populations.

METHODS

- CPFI purchased sharps containers, stethoscopes, first aid kits, and blood glucose meters and strips, totaling \$750.
- School personnel ordered the stethoscopes, first aid kits, sharps containers, blood glucose meters, and blood glucose strips.
- Students brought supplies to the Springfield Soup Kitchen.

RESULTS

Materials given:

- 4 Stethoscopes
- 2 First Aid Kits
- 22 Sharps Containers
- 3 Blood Glucose Meters
- 6 Blood Glucose Strips (50ct)
- 2 Lancets (100 ct)



CONCLUSIONS

- Student pharmacists can serve as a healthcare resource in communities.
- There is a need to educate volunteers on medical equipment to help support their internal infrastructure.
- Opportunity exists to partner with other healthcare disciplines in meeting patient needs in this underserved population.
- Encourage other student pharmacists across the country to serve and educate the underserved in their communities.

FUTURE DIRECTION

- Explore donating more medical equipment for the community.
- Develop training sessions for volunteers to enhance the internal infrastructure.
- Create more opportunities for collaboration with other disciplines/organizations.
- Partner with another group in the fall to provide a flu vaccine clinic.
- Collaborate with social work to provide education on how to sign up for Medicaid.
- Collaborate with other university majors to create opportunities for outreach and service.