

12. Making Change in the World – “Homes of Hope” Video

Watching this video allows students to see “getting involved and making a difference” outside of their own community.



Materials Needed:

Video “*Homes of Hope*” (DVD player)

Teachers should preview all video content before screening it for students.

Homes of Hope

This documentary takes place in Tijuana, Mexico. Hannah, along with her family and friends, traveled to the slums of Tijuana to build a house for a homeless single mother and her two children. Students are introduced to the struggles of a different kind of poverty in a foreign country, and grow attached to Leslie, Ricardo and Christie as they watch their home rise from the hearts and efforts of a group of caring people.

Length: 17:30 minutes

Play the video “*Homes of Hope*.”

- Discuss what feelings the children have for the boy in the poster.
- How do they feel knowing they can be helped?
- How do they feel knowing they can be helped by another child?
- How do they feel knowing they can be helped by another child from another country?
- The family in the video was homeless. Have a conversation about who helps homeless people.
- What kinds of things does Hannah do to help?
- What human rights are affected here?
- What is Hannah really good at?
- Ask students if they think they can help.
- What are the students really good at?
- What kind of help do homeless and hungry people need? Using the things they are really good at, what kinds of things could students do to help with those needs?

(Remember, helping takes many forms – raising awareness, raising funds, donations-in-kind, volunteering and service, and personal action).