WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Make copies of this handout as needed, cut on the dotted line, and give each group a scenario to discuss.

Scenario 1: You discover that your favorite restaurant, or a restaurant you and your family visit often, is not paying its employees fairly. As a result, some of the waiters and cooks have to work two or even three jobs in order to pay rent and buy food for their families.

1. What would you do?
2. Why might it be hard for you to help? What difficulties might you encounter?
3. Why might some people choose not to help?

Scenario 2: A friend shares an article with you about the company that produces your favorite brand of jeans. You find out that the factory where your clothes are made has been dumping toxic chemicals into the neighborhood nearby. People have been reporting finding dead wildlife and several people have been hospitalized after coming in contact with the waste.

1. What would you do?
2. Why might it be hard for you to help? What difficulties might you encounter?
3. Why might some people choose not to help?

Scenario 3: After your class, you find out that the janitor at your synagogue/school is very sick. Unfortunately, the janitor doesn't have health insurance and treatment for the illness costs thousands of dollars.

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2. Why might it be hard for you to help? What difficulties might you encounter?
3. Why might some people choose not to help?