Lesson 6
EPIC Action Project: Responding to Community Needs

Selecting a Community Issue
Sample Issue Checklist

Recommended Issue: __________________________________________

The issue that we would like to recommend is (check all that apply):

☐ Clear  Our objectives and outcomes are easily understood.

☐ Measurable  We know when we have achieved our objectives. The outcomes are easily defined.

☐ Doable  We can work to address this issue given the amount of time, money and resources at our disposal.

☐ Important  The people working on the project think it’s important and worth their time and effort.

☐ Fun  Addressing the causes of poverty is hard work. Choose an issue that generates enthusiasm for the long haul.

☐ Unifying  Avoid issues that will inappropriately divide the community or unfairly pit one group against another. You may need to work with these groups again.

☐ Consistent  Ideally, the issue you select should flow from your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and should be consistent with the mission of your school and/or parish. See the Social Action Project for specific recommendations.

☐ Inclusive  Many people should be able to be involved in addressing this issue. Ideally, you will be able to partner with a CCHD-funded group or other community agency(ies) that are working on this issue.