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Understanding homelessness is an important part of the job for Michael Johnson, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, in Madison, Wisconsin, according to Yahoo Shine.



So he set out to get schooled — by going undercover as just another one of the

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city's 3,500 homeless individuals. He slept in shelters, panhandled on street corners and asked restaurants for free food, learning life-changing lessons — and helping a family of five get off the streets — along the way.

“As a nonprofit leader I thought it was important that I understood the issue, so I can know how to tackle it,” Johnson tells Yahoo Shine about his two-night, three-day social experiment, which ended Nov. 15. Local market owner and philanthropist Tim Metcalfe, as well as Salvation Army Community Center director Will Green, joined him.

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