

## How will you invest your resources?



*Together, we're changing lives.*

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Make a copy of the “game sheet” for everyone in the meeting.
- Break into groups and provide each group with 15 wrapped candies.
- Tell each group their candies will become symbolic of their “budget” and not to eat their candies until the end of the game!
- Explain that for the purposes of the game each team is to pretend they’re married with 2 children.
- One adult in the household is working full-time and the other is working two part-time jobs. Both make minimum wage.
- The family has a limited budget and only 15 candies to spend.
- They have some tough decisions to make.
- Each participant must study their choices in each row and invest their candies with 1, 2 or 3 candies depending on what’s most important to them.
- They cannot skip a row.
- Usually, the least desirable option requires an investment of 1 candy and the most desirable option requires 3 candies.
- After they’re done making their choices, ask the group how it felt to invest their candies. (Usually the response is, “There weren’t enough candies!”)

### THE MORAL OF THE STORY:

**Hardworking people make these kinds of tough decisions every day in Windsor and Essex County.**

**This exercise will help you to familiarize yourselves with the resources in the community and to find alternative ways to meet the needs of your brothers and sisters during difficult times.**