

MAKING CHOICES
How will you invest your resources?



INSTRUCTIONS

- A. As the game states, you are married with two children and one of you works full-time and the other works two part-time jobs, both of you make minimum wage.
- B. Smartie candy is symbolic of your budget...don't eat until the end of the game. You have 15 smarties to allocate in each of the 9 rows. You can NOT skip a row...you must have smarties in each row.
- C. QUESTION: How did it feel making your choices of where to budget your money?
- D. SCENARIO CHANGE: Your 9 year old daughter has an infected tooth and has to see the dentist (not covered by your health insurance if you have it). In order for her to see the dentist you must give up TWO of your smarties, which means reallocating where you budget your money. Remember: you can NOT skip a row.
- E. QUESTION: How did it feel this time when you had to take off two of the candies?
- F. SCENARIO CHANGE: Your life is about to get even more difficult because your spouse just got laid off with no severance pay. Take FOUR of your smarties off your sheet and reallocate the remaining smarties so that you have at least one smartie in each of the 9 rows.
- G. The moral of this game is that there are hardworking people right here in Larimer County that make these kind of tough decisions every day. United Way not only helps meet the immediate needs like hunger and homelessness, we also address the root causes of the problems. It's not enough to feed someone who's hungry, it's important to find out why the person is hungry in the first place and address the problem at its source. United Way provides a coordinated, strategic, sustainable approach to solving Larimer County's most pressing issues.
- H. How do you as an employee fit into this game? This is your opportunity to affect an individual or family's life by making your gift to United Way of Larimer County. You can help make a difference in our community.
- I. Partner Agencies that could possibly be able to help the family in this situation:
- Education & Life Training Center**
 - Homelessness Prevention Initiative**
 - Neighbor to Neighbor**
 - Salud Family Health Centers, Fort Collins & Estes Park**
 - The Food Bank for Larimer County**
 - United Way 2-1-1**