Making Tough Choices.

Out of 537,600* households in Cuyahoga County, approximately 28.4% reported income in the past 12 months of $25,100 or less -- which is the Federal poverty threshold.

Sounds challenging? This is the reality too many of our neighbors face. Take a moment to think how you would make ends meet.

*Figures have been rounded out to the nearest hundred.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Could You Live on $25,100 Per Year?

Let’s Find Out

How Can Your Donation Make a Difference?

- **$50**
  - Biweekly
  - Provides a person with the necessary training to earn a living wage.

- **$20**
  - Biweekly
  - Provides literacy support for a child for a full school year, setting them up for a brighter future.

Your Donation Matters

- Feed the Hungry
- Provide Shelter & Housing
- Prepare Early Learners
- Provide Youth Enrichment
- Support Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
- Prevent Violence & Abuse
- Provide Career Training
- Support Adult Education

Read the rules & take the challenge
## The Rules.

### Operating on a Budget
Given a 15-candy budget to spend every month, you have to distribute either one, two or three candies per category: housing, healthcare, food, transportation, technology, laundry, shopping and savings.

What are your priorities? What can you live without?

### You've Got a Family
Now, in this situation, you're not just fending for yourself. You’re married, and you have an 11-year-old son and a 4-year-old daughter. This is the average family size in our community.

### Let's Get Started
Remember, you only have 15 candies to work with. Place the candy here to start, then distribute them accordingly—only choosing one option for each row.

### Bare Minimum | In Survival | Or | Thriving
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**Housing**
Studio apartment: 1 bed 1 bath | 2 bedroom apartment: 2 beds, 1 bath, garage parking | 3 bedroom house: 3 beds, 2 bath with an attached garage

**Food (Per Person)**
1 meal a day | 2 meals a day | 3 meals a day

**Transportation**
Walk or bike everywhere, no public transportation anywhere | Walk, bike or take public transportation | Own your own car

**Technology Access**
No cell-phone, no TV | No cell phone, TV but no cable | Cell phone, TV with cable

**Childcare**
Childcare with family member | Part-time subsidy/voucher | High quality childcare

**Grocery Shopping**
1 grocery store a bus ride away | 1 grocery store and a mall nearby | 2 grocery stores within walking distance and a large mall nearby

**Savings**
No extra money left over after the bills are paid | $20 left over each week after all bills are paid | $50 left over each week after all bills are paid