

## **“Shopper’s Court” Station Guidelines**

**Instructions for the Stationmaster:** Families will be visiting your station each month to purchase their groceries and (possibly) to purchase “wants.” **Your main job is to make sure that each family completes the shopping tasks they are required, by their Life Event cards, to perform each month.**

### **Station Set-Up and Operation:**

1. Before the families visit your station, display the “Want Cards” on your station’s table for all the families to see. Place an individual piece of candy for every \$50 that each Want Card is worth. (For example, if the item on a Want Card is \$100, place two pieces of candy on the Want Card.) At one end of your table/area, place a large manila envelop labeled “The Community Savings Bank.” Have four empty regular-sized envelopes there as well, each one marked with the name of a family (i.e., an envelope for Marquis, an envelope for the Morenos, etc.)
2. When the family buys a want, collect the money from them and give them the Want Card and the individual piece of candy. We want the families to be tempted to purchase the Wants, so be an aggressive salesperson, encouraging them to spend their money on wants.
3. At various points in the game, individual families will be required by the Life Event cards they get to purchase certain items at your store, such as clothing or medicine. Collect the money from the families for these required purchases and then put a check in the checkbox on the Tracking Sheet to indicate that they faithfully followed their instructions on the their Life Event cards. At the end of each month, take most of the money you have collected to the Payday Station, retaining some money to use for making change.
4. Smart families will choose to put some of their income in their Savings Accounts at the bank. DO NOT ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO (you are supposed to be the “voice of temptation” for them to spend their money on their wants) but when they insist on making a deposit into their Savings Account, collect their money and place it in the appropriate envelop, then put that envelop into the larger Bank envelop. (Note: the families may visit the Bank at any time to get their money out.)

### **Family Information for the Stationmaster:**

**Family 1** is composed of a single mother named Kara with two children. Her son Richaud is two years old, and her daughter Lori is five years old. Richaud is healthy, but Lori has asthma and needs medication. Kara works at the bank and makes \$40,000 a year.

**Family 2** is composed of a single mother named Andrea with one ten year-old son named Eddie. Andrea works as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant and makes \$27,000 a year.

**Family 3** is composed of a single, 22-year-old male named Marquise. He just graduated from college and writes for the local newspaper. Yearly income: \$22,000.

**Family 4** is composed of Pedro and Selena Moreno, a middle-aged couple with three children: Anna (15), Alejandro (10), and Nadia (6). , Mother is a part-time teacher’s aid and father is an auto-mechanic. Yearly income: \$60,000/year.

## Shopping Station Tracking Sheet

<b>Family</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>	<b>Month 4</b>
<b>Family 1: Kara and children</b>	-collect \$500 for food and household items  -collect \$50 for medicine	-collect \$500 for food and household items  -collect \$50 for medicine -\$130 for winter clothes	-collect \$500 for food and household items  -collect \$50 for medicine	-collect \$500 for food and household items  -collect \$50 for medicine -\$150 for clothes and school supplies
<b>Family 2: Andrea and her son</b>	-collect \$350 for food and household items	-collect \$350 for food and household items  -collect \$250 or \$500 for Christmas gifts (give appropriate # of bonus cards)	-collect \$350 for food and household items	-collect \$350 for food and household items  -collect \$50 and give one bonus card
<b>Family 3: Marquise</b>	-Collect \$250 for food and household items	-Collect \$250 for food and household items	-Collect \$250 for food and household items	-Collect \$250 for food and household items
<b>Family 4: The Morenos</b>	-Collect \$700 for food and household items	-Collect \$700 for food and household items	-Collect \$700 for food and household items	-Collect \$700 for food and household items  -collect \$300 for transmission parts