

[00:00:01.150] - Speaker 1

Welcome to the future. Some of you have just graduated from college or technical school. Some of you are married and all of you have kids. You've just started your first full-time professional job. You're earning money and have bills to pay.

[00:00:16.100] - Speaker 1

Now you have to select housing, transportation, food, clothing, daycare, and other wants and needs. There are a lot of decisions to make. Welcome to Mad City. Let's get started.

[00:00:28.220] - Student

I'm a carpenter.

[00:00:30.050] - Student

I'm an agricultural technician.

[00:00:32.760] - Student

Personal trainer.

[00:00:33.990] - Student

I'm a pilot and so is she because we're the same person.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

I'm a graphic designer.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

A real estate agent.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

I'm a retail writer.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

Pharmacist and I'm a mom of a four-and-a-half-year-old.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

A physical therapist.

[00:00:51.050] - Student

I'm a stockbroker.

[00:00:53.080] - Lisa Kusano

Well, I've been there to see so many of them start off wanting to shop and spend a lot of money, but then they realize how fast money goes away and then they're coming back going, "I spend all my money. I bought four cars, and I don't have any money for food." I think they're starting to really understand where you have to budget your money. You can't just buy what you want.

[00:01:30.670] - Student

I bought a really big truck!

[00:01:30.670] - Student

A TV, 27 inch. I didn't get the picture.

[00:01:30.670] - Student

I don't know how my parents do it. I wanted to live in a box because I don't have that much money.

[00:01:38.570] - Ken Tyler

This is great. The kids are learning to budget and make decisions from what they want, and what they need, and just recognizing the difference between the two, and soon if they have enough money to do

what they want. It's really a good exercise.

[00:01:56.930] - Colette McCullough

I just think it's wonderful because it just reinforces what they're learning at home and what we're trying to teach them. But it doesn't really sink it until they're actually doing it on a ledger like this. It's making a difference. I think it's a great program.

[00:02:09.950] - Robin Park

It's opening a lot of eyes for these kids to know how to budget and what their parents go through and how much stuff actually cost.

[00:02:24.930] - Student

Yes, I'm going to tell my mom sorry.

[00:02:27.020] - Student

I definitely am thankful for my parents now that I know how much they have to invest in me and my sister. I'm very thankful. Now I know how hard it is to actually make a living and then be able to spend your money on your own.