**HANDOUT 1 – AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD CHARTS**

The following charts show how spending patterns differ for families of different incomes over the course of a year.

# *Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

**Average American Household**

ANNUAL INCOME:

# $63,685

Food

$6,458

Transport

$8,293

Housing

$16,803

Alcohol

$456

Health Care

$3,313

Entertainment

$2,572

Education

$1,051

Other

$10,759

ANNUAL Expenditures: $49,705

## Low-Income American Household

ANNUAL INCOME:

# $17,563

Food

$3,748

Transport

$4,019

Housing

$9,852

Alcohol

$145

Health Care

$2,024

Entertainment

$1,098

Education

$349

Other

$3,571

ANNUAL Expenditures: $24,806

**Wealthy American Household**

ANNUAL INCOME:

# $247,261

Food

$13,055

Transport

$17,756

Housing

$37,700

Alcohol

$1,311

Health Care

$5,976

Entertainment

$6,646

Education

$4,497

Other

$36,215

ANNUAL Expenditures: $123,056

*Information retrieved from: Mahapatra, L. (2013, June 1). Consumer spending: How much of their income do poor and rich American families spend on housing, education, healthcare, food and transportation? [Infographic]. International Business Times. Retrieved from http://www.ibtimes.com/consumer-spending-how-much-their-income-do-poor-rich-american-families-spend-housing-1287121*

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