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Partnership for Youth, Inc. Gets Healthy Boost
American Consumer Credit Counseling to Support Healthy Waltham Initiative

Newton, MA – March 8, 2004 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit credit-counseling organization, today announced a donation to the Waltham Partnership for Youth's Healthy Waltham Initiative. "ACCC believes strongly in the value of educating our young people," said Steve Trumble, CEO of American Consumer Credit Counseling. "We are particularly impressed with the Waltham Partnership for Youth's commitment to working with the business community and its emphasis on teaching young people skill building and the value of entrepreneurship," Trumble continued.

Today's youth face a number of issues as they prepare for the adult world," said Marina Paige Bartley, Executive Director of the Waltham Partnership for Youth. "ACCC's donation represents the kind of business support that is so essential to training the leaders of the future," added Bartley.

The Healthy Waltham Initiative is a community-wide strategic planning program. Founded on the belief that financial and economic health is as essential for families as it is for the community as a whole, the program also supports money management and financial planning exposure which involves applications of math and critical thinking skills that can start at a very early age. Whether system-building for the Workforce Prep Plus Program, connecting to Youth Tech Entrepreneurs, or expanding after-school programs that focus on math and science, the Partnership is working to prepare Waltham's youth for success in the workplace of the future.

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--ACCC Offers Support for Waltham Initiative—

The funds will be put towards efforts to bring Waltham youth into the Healthy Waltham Initiative and to support after-school efforts.

American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) is a national non-profit (501)(c3) organization specializing in professional education and credit counseling services. ACCC provides individuals with practical solutions for solving financial problems and recognizes that consumers' financial difficulties are often not the result of poor spending habits but more frequently from extenuating circumstances beyond their control. ACCC strives to empower consumers to regain control of the quality of their lives through education and money management. ACCC's experience has lead to success in serving thousands of consumers who are debt-free or on the road to financial independence. Educational services include a comprehensive SmartMoneySchool program which includes information on how to make informed financial decisions, budgeting and spending plan programs, identity theft and student debt. For more information please visit www.consumercredit.com.

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