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November Brings Financial Education to Transitional Program
Donation Made to Support Financial Literacy at Cardinal Medeiros Center

Newton, MA- November 8th, 2005 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization has announced a donation to The Cardinal Medeiros Transitional Program as part of its ongoing commitment to support financial literacy programs in the Greater Boston community. The check was presented today to the Program's coordinator Bob David, at ACCC's corporate office in Newton.

Throughout the year, ACCC's P.A.L. program, Partnership for the Advancement of Financial Literacy, is donating up to \$25,000 to local community organizations to support financial literacy programs. A \$1,000 donation to The Cardinal Medeiros Transitional Program will go toward providing the means to better educate men and women who find themselves in a period of transition in their lives. The Cardinal Medeiros Transitional Program serves the Boston community by providing temporary housing to those in a state of financial disarray, while also establishing a roadmap for recovery in the future. In early October of this year, ACCC began participating in a weekly Transitional Program meeting, where it has outlined a financial education program for the remainder of the year and into 2006. As an alliance member of the FDIC, ACCC utilizes the FDIC Money Smart Financial Curriculum for teaching participants the money management skills they need to get back on their feet.

"We are honored to support the ongoing efforts of The Cardinal Medeiros Transitional Program," said Steve Trumble, president of American Consumer Credit Counseling. "We are excited about the opportunity to provide individuals with a strong financial foundation and assist them during their transitional development."

Bob David, Coordinator of the Transitional Program, emphasized how grateful he and his organization are for ACCC's contribution. "The majority of our clients are unfortunately in a state of financial wreckage; quite often due to alcohol or drug abuse. The focus of the Cardinal Medeiros Transitional Program is to enable recovery by helping people regain control of their lives in regards to housing, work and financial standing." In addition to the \$1000 donation, ACCC has contributed a variety of education materials including workbooks, brochures and reference guides to further promote financial literacy within the program. "ACCC's contribution," Bob continues, "will be put to use right away by providing our program's first on-site library and computer capabilities. By adding this financial education material, as well as a computer workstation, our clients can now have Internet access to research training and housing opportunities."

American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) is a national non-profit 501 (c) (3) 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 led to success in serving thousands of consumers who are debt-free or on the road to financial independence. For more information please visit www.financialfitnesscenter.org