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## **A ‘Jumpstart’ for the Fresh Start Program**

### *Donation to support Boston Rescue Mission Personal Finance Program*

Newton, MA- October 12, 2004 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization has announced a contribution to the Boston Rescue Mission’s Fresh Start Program as part of its ongoing commitment to support financial literacy programs in the Boston community. The check presentation was made today at ACCC’s corporate office in Newton.

ACCC is dedicated to donating money and educational supplies to local community groups that support financial literacy programs within Massachusetts. 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 \$2,500 donation to the Boston Rescue Mission will go toward underwriting the costs for over 50 clients to participate in the Fresh Start Program training module. ACCC will also be providing budgeting books and reference material that will support the program curriculum.

“We are extremely proud to support the ongoing efforts of the Fresh Start Program,” said Steve Trumble, president of American Consumer Credit Counseling. “We value the opportunity to provide individuals with a strong financial foundation and assist them during their transitional development”.

“Our Fresh Start training program is all about transformation. The ‘On The Job’ program was created to help people transition out of homelessness and prepare them for long-term self-sufficiency” states Tim Marks of the Boston Rescue Mission. More information on the Boston Rescue Mission and their Fresh Start Program, can be found at [www.brm.org](http://www.brm.org). For more information on ACCC’s educational offerings and community commitments, please visit [www.consumercredit.com](http://www.consumercredit.com).

If you are involved in a community group that may benefit from funding or educational materials related to personal money management please contact Alicia Talanian with Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications at [atalanian@rasky.com](mailto:atalanian@rasky.com).

**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. All of this information can be accessed through an online self -paced interactive money management certification program, Money, Debt and Credit that is free of charge. For more information please visit [www.consumercredit.com](http://www.consumercredit.com).**