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The New Year Brings Financial Education to East Boston
Donation Made to Promote Financial Literacy at Harborside Community School

December 27, 2005 - Newton, MA – American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization, announces a \$2,500 donation to the Harborside Community School for their dedication to teaching financial literacy skills to ESOL and GED students in East Boston. The check presentation was made this morning at ACCC’s home office in Newton, where ACCC’s Education Workshop Coordinator Jessica Slate met with Karen McCune of the Harborside Community School.

“At Harborside Community School we offer English (ESOL) and GED classes,” says Karen McCune. “However,” she continues, “teaching life skills is an important area for us; and this year we are focusing on financial literacy. We are thrilled to have Jessica Slate working with us, leading workshops and helping with supplies and resources.” In addition to the \$2,500 donation, ACCC presented Ms. McCune with a supply of education material including books and brochures regarding building better credit, preparing a family budget, and buying a home.

The donation to the Harborside Community School marks the last of the 2005 contributions from ACCC’s PAL Program, (The Partnership for the Advancement of Financial Literacy) and Harborside serves as an excellent partner to help teach the basics of budgeting and money management to those seeking financial education. Karen McCune described her organization as unique, and unlike a regular community college in that “a community school is about life skills and improving the quality of life of its students.” By working together in the community, ACCC and the Harborside Community School are each making strides towards achieving the ultimate goal of empowering consumers to regain control of their lives through financial education.

ABOUT ACCC:

American Consumer Credit Counseling is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to empowering consumers to regain control of their lives through financial education, counseling and debt management to the community. 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. As one of the nation’s leading providers of education and credit counseling, ACCC works with consumers to help them with the best plan of action to reduce their debt and regain financial stability. For more information or to access financial educational information, go to www.consumercredit.com.

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