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## **Making New Friends in the Community**

### *Donation to support Independent Living Center of the North Shore & Cape Ann*

Newton, MA- July 21, 2005 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization has announced a contribution to the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann (ILCNCSA) 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 \$1,000 donation ILCNSCA will go toward underwriting the costs of ongoing personal financial literacy efforts. In addition ACCC will be conducting a personal money management certification program focused on 'Budgeting' and 'Understanding Credit' in late September through October at ILCNSCA. A donation of budgeting books and reference material will further support ILCNSCA's financial education work.

"We are honored to support the ongoing efforts of the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann," 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".

"Financial management skills are requested frequently by our customers, persons with all types of disabilities who live or work on the North Shore and Cape Ann. As the non-profit agency which meets the federal standards and assurances of an independent living center and is run by and for persons with disabilities, we are committed to providing guidance for independent living skills development. We see this course as a critical skill building opportunity for many persons with disabilities who are struggling to live as independently as they choose in the community. Shifts in income from a progressive or newly acquired disability, transitioning from disability insurance back to the workforce, managing on a fixed income, understanding how to budget with the shifting health and medication co-pay increases, are all challenges faced by many of our consumers/peers. ILCNSCA is pleased to accept this contribution from ACCC. As a non-profit agency ILCNSCA is dedicated to the full implementation of the 1990 ADA and the Olmstead 1999 Supreme Court decision, the right and freedom to live independently in the community. ILCNSCA will use these resources to augment our program development funds. ", states Mary Margaret Moore, Executive Director of ILCNSCA. More information on the ILCNSCA, can be found at [www.ilcnsc.org](http://www.ilcnsc.org). For more information on ACCC's educational offerings and community commitments, please visit [www.financialfitnesscenter.org](http://www.financialfitnesscenter.org).



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