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Establishing Financially Fit Families in Lowell
Donation Made to Lowell Adult Education to Promote Financial Literacy

January 25, 2006 - Newton, MA – American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization, announces a \$2,500 donation to Lowell Adult Education, a division of Lowell Public Schools, as a part of the Partnership for the Advancement of Financial Literacy (PAL.) The check presentation was made this morning at ACCC's home office in Newton, where ACCC's Bob Carrier met with Fred Abisi and Betsy Chisholm of Lowell Adult Education.

“This is a terrific opportunity for Lowell Adult Education because we have never had the opportunity to offer financial education in the past,” says Fred Abisi, Director of adult education. “ACCC's assistance,” he continues, “has been a tremendous asset by providing our students the education they need to help gain control of their finances in a responsible manner.” In addition to the \$2,500 donation, ACCC provides Lowell Adult Education with a continuous series of financial education workshops that cater to GED students, ESOL, and parents looking to teach their children about the basics of spending, saving and sharing. “Our mantra,” adds Betsy Chisholm, a counselor for Lowell Adult Education, “is to teach the topics adults need to know as an employee, as a member of a community, and as a family. Through ACCC's Moonjar Program, parents in our classes can learn together with their children.”

Today's donation marks the first contribution in 2006 to ACCC's PAL Program., ACCC plans to donate up to \$25,000 in 2006 to local organizations dedicated to promoting financial literacy and money management. By working together in the community, ACCC and Lowell Adult Education are each making strides towards reaching our goals of providing financial literacy education to consumers.

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. 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 financial 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 education information, go to www.consumercredit.com.

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