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ACCC at Bat for Financial Literacy

Grant given to help the parents and children of the Roberto Clemente League

August 16, 2006 – Newton, MA - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization, announces a \$2,500 grant to The Roberto Clemente League as part of The Partnership for the Advancement of Financial Literacy. The check presentation was made today at ACCC's office in Newton to Isabel Melendez, Spanish Program Director of the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, where a live radio broadcast documented the event on AM 1110's La Voz Del Pueblo radio program.

For fourteen years, the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC) has run the Roberto Clemente League in Lawrence, MA as part of its Spanish Program. "This league is more than teaching how to play baseball," says Melendez. "This league promotes preservation of family values and unity. It provides a forum where the entire family can participate in a series of workshops such as: self-esteem, drug abuse prevention, public safety, and financial literacy."

By partnering with American Consumer Credit Counseling, the GLCAC can provide the parents and children involved with the Roberto Clemente League a trusted source for budgeting and credit education, as well as credit counseling services and debt management. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to attend ACCC's free budgeting and credit workshops available in Spanish that are being held locally at a Lawrence Public Library. ACCC has also provided the GLCAC with a variety of age appropriate books and interactive CD-ROMs for the children who participate in the Roberto Clemente League, in order to teach them about money management at an early age.

Over the past two months, ACCC's Education Outreach Coordinator Judit Tejada has been a frequent guest of La Voz Del Pueblo radio program that serves as the pulse of Hispanic community events in and around the Merrimack Valley. "Lawrence and the whole Merrimack Valley is home to a large population of Hispanic communities," explains Tejada. "By inviting listeners to participate in today's PAL Program through La Voz del Pueblo, we were truly able to show our dedication to promoting financial literacy to the Hispanic population."

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.