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Making New Friends in the Community *Donation to support Salvation Army Cambridge Corp*

Newton, MA- September 7, 2005 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization has announced a contribution to The Salvation Army Cambridge Corps 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 \$2,000 donation to The Salvation Army Cambridge Corps 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' for both mothers with children in The Salvation Army's Our Place Day Care programs and men in the transitional program at The Salvation Army Cambridge Corps. In addition, a donation of budgeting books and reference material will further support the Salvation Army Cambridge Corps financial education work.

"We are honored to support the ongoing efforts of The Salvation Army Cambridge Corps," 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."

Major Carroll, Commanding Officer of the Cambridge Salvation Army said "a vast majority of the men and women we serve have had difficulty with their finances and in many instances this has led to their homelessness. The men in our transitional program focus on paying off debts, learning how to budget and establish a savings account, and begin the process for achieving "good" credit. Similarly, homeless mothers whose children are enrolled in The Salvation Army's Day Care Center work with Salvation Army staff to break the cycle of homelessness they find themselves caught up in. It is our goal that these men and women will lead successful, productive, and self sufficient lives. The Money Management classes will provide them with a strong foundation for overcoming any financial burdens they have been struggling with."

American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) is a national non-profit 501 (c) (3) 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. For more information please visit www.financialfitnesscenter.org