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

### *Donation to support Shattuck Shelter Personal Finance Workshop Series*

Newton, MA- June 21, 2005 - American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization has announced a contribution to the Friends of the Shattuck Shelter Personal Finance Workshop Series 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 to the Shattuck Shelter will go toward underwriting the costs to manage the ongoing Personal Finance Workshop Series. In addition ACCC will be conducting educational segments focused on 'Budgeting' and 'Understanding Credit Reports'. A donation of budgeting books and reference material will further support the program curriculum.

"We are honored to support the ongoing efforts of the Friends of the Shattuck Shelter," 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".

"Our Personal Finance Workshop Series has made a tremendous impact on the lives of the men we serve, men that have never had access to basic financial tools. This program has empowered these men with skills to rebuild their lives and their families", states Mary Nee, Executive Director of Friends of the Shattuck Shelter. More information on the Friends of the Shattuck Shelter and their Personal Finance Workshop Series, can be found at [www.friendsoftheshattuckshelter.org](http://www.friendsoftheshattuckshelter.org). For more information on ACCC's educational offerings and community commitments, please visit [www.smartmoneyschool.org](http://www.smartmoneyschool.org).

American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) is a national non-profit (501)(c3) 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. All of this information can be accessed through an online self -paced interactive money management certification program, Money, Debt and Credit that is free of charge. For more information please visit [www.consumercredit.com](http://www.consumercredit.com).