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South Shore Students Learn to Set Goals and Save

Donation made to South Shore Community Action Council to promote financial literacy

American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC), a non-profit organization, announces a \$2,500 donation to the South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC) a part of ACCC's Partnership for the Advancement of Financial Literacy (PAL), a program designed to promote and support financial literacy in our communities.

"The South Shore Community Action Council helps people change their lives permanently," says Patricia Daly, Executive Director of SSCAC. The Council provides a wide range of critical services to low-income individuals and families including access to education opportunities, employment and training, consumer assistance, and emergency services. In addition to these services, SSCAC sponsors an Individual Development Account Program (IDA).

"Our IDA Program helps lower income individuals and families save money to meet one of three goals: buying a home; pursuing an education; or financing a small business" says Daly. Program participants establish a pattern of regular saving and ultimately reach a financial goal through the special matched savings program and taking a personal finance and money management course.

American Consumer Credit Counseling has long advocated savings, household budgets, personal credit, and financial knowledge is essential for personal financial success. "I am delighted to be working with SSCAC in promoting regular savings and helping consumers reach their financial goals," says Steve Trumble, President and Chief Executive Officer at ACCC. "It is my hope," Trumble continues, "ACCC's financial literacy programs combined with the provided funding will allow many individuals on the South Shore to successfully take part in the Council's IDA program"

"Working with ACCC has strengthened our participants' ability to practice budgeting and savings skills they need to successfully achieve their goals" comments Daly. ACCC's. Working together, both SSCAC and ACCC are ensuring financial and economic health to individuals and families on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

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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