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Metro Credit Union Partners with Lawrence CommunityWorks

Credit Union contributes \$22,000 to the Family Asset Building Program

Chelsea, MA. September 29, 2008 – On September 13, 2008, representatives of Metro Credit Union attended the graduation ceremony to honor students that successfully completed the Family Asset Building Program provided by Lawrence CommunityWorks. Funded by Metro Credit Union with a \$22,000 grant, the two year financial literacy program strives to create economic stability for low income households through sustainable asset ownership such as home ownership, business start-up, higher education, and support networks.

The Family Asset Building Program provided by Lawrence CommunityWorks is a two year program which includes investments in an individual's Development Account, monthly classes, and credit counseling. In addition, participants are involved in intensive training on the type of asset they wish to purchase, general budgeting, financial planning, credit repair, money and family dynamics, and assessing better employment opportunities.



In attendance were representatives from Metro who facilitated Metro's participation in the program, including Assistant Branch Manager Nilsa Martinez and Vice President of Mortgages, Val Divito. The graduates of the program were Catalina Santiago, Eva Lluveres, Cinthia Brea, Grace Corporan, Jennifer Julio, Catherine Taveras, Lissette Aquino, Liseth Velasquez, Pablo Collado, and Zoila Morban.

Robert M. Cashman, President and CEO is pleased to announce that Metro will continue to support Lawrence Community Works as the sponsor for an additional two-year IDA program. "Metro is proud to be involved in this program, and offer its assistance to this successful financial literacy program. One of our main goals is to assist the communities we serve and we look forward to continuing to be an active participant in programs such as these that benefit the community."

About Lawrence Community Works

Lawrence CommunityWorks (LCW) is a nonprofit community development corporation working to transform and revitalize the physical, economic, and social landscape of Lawrence. They do this with a growing network of residents and stakeholders who are engaging in building family and community assets, providing each other with caring and mutual support, building leadership and civic engagement skills, and engaging in collective action for positive growth and change in Lawrence.

About Metro Credit Union

Metro Credit Union is one of the largest credit unions in Massachusetts with over \$700 million in assets, and serves over 100,000 members. Established in 1926 and based in Chelsea, Metro offers superior service, and a full range of financial products, including investment and insurance offerings, for consumers and businesses in eastern Massachusetts. Metro has nine branches conveniently located in Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Peabody, Swampscott, Tewksbury, and a tenth branch soon to open in Boston. Metro is also a leader in workplace banking, serving over 1,800 companies throughout the state.

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