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Metro Credit Union Supports Operation HOPE

Banking on Our Future program promotes financial literacy in youth

Chelsea, MA – December 8, 2008 – In a continued effort to promote financial literacy in youth, Metro Credit Union is pleased to have participated in the Operation HOPE “Banking on Our Future “ program, a series of financial literacy workshops, for Boston students.

Operation HOPE brings employees of the finance industry together with young adults to improve the lives of Boston youth through financial education. Program volunteers undergo training and then teach four one-hour workshops. Branch Manager Elaine Santiago taught approximately 16 students in Mr. Brian Vitarisi’s 5th grade class at the Sarah Greenwood School located in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The Banking on our Future program is a challenging financial-literacy curriculum for children, teens, and adults. Adhering to the mathematics standards set forth by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (Principles and Standards for School Mathematics, 2000), the lessons in this program examine financial concepts and decision-making through real-life problems and mathematical computation. Tailored to each age group, the Banking on Our Future curriculum is relevant to students’ lives, in the interest of their financial success. Topics discussed included the Basics of Banking, Budgeting, Savings and Checking Accounts and the Power of Credit.

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 branch offices 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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