

## **2006 Financial Education Grant Recipients**

### **Phoenix/Tucson, Arizona**

**Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS)** - A member of the Money Management International (MMI) family of agencies, CCCS of Phoenix, Arizona is dedicated to enhancing consumers' financial well-being and awareness by providing products and services designed for their specific needs. Through in-person credit counseling, educational programs, and debt management plans, CCCS has helped thousands of clients achieve and maintain financial freedom. MMI provides financial literacy workshops to consumers in Phoenix and Tucson covering the full spectrum of money management issues.

### **Phoenix/Tucson, Arizona**

**International Rescue Committee (IRC)** - The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is a global leader in providing relief and advocacy services for those uprooted or affected by conflict and oppression. IRC Arizona offers general education to help recent immigrants in Tucson and Phoenix acquire the financial skills to become self-sufficient. IRC's training focuses on budgeting, banking, using credit, homeownership, understanding employment benefits, and retirement planning.

### **Tucson, Arizona**

**The Primavera Foundation, Inc.** - Dedicated to addressing poverty and homelessness, the Primavera Foundation in Tucson, Arizona promotes economic and social justice while working to build a future in which all people are assured basic human rights, a livable income, and safe, affordable housing. Through community education and advocacy, the Foundation provides a continuum of services that address homelessness and poverty. Primavera's HomeOwnership Program educates low-to-moderate income, minority, and first time home buyers on budgeting, saving, using credit, and understanding credit reports.

### **Berkeley, California**

**AnewAmerica Community Corporation** - AnewAmerica was founded to address the lack of integrated job creation, asset development, and community empowerment strategies for low-income, new Americans living in the San Francisco Bay area. Through their holistic three-year program, the Virtual Business Incubator, AnewAmerica assists their target population in establishing or expanding micro-businesses, building personal assets for the sustainability of their families, and developing the community assets necessary to support the political, social, and cultural empowerment of their communities.

## **Los Angeles, California**

**Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)** - Founded to address the employment and job training needs of Asian Pacific Islander communities, the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) creates economic solutions to meet these challenges as well as educational, housing and business development needs in the Pacific Asian and other diverse communities. PACE provides financial literacy training to individual consumers and conducts small business development programs for entrepreneurs.

## **Chula Vista, California**

**South Bay Community Services (SBCS)** - Founded as a treatment center for drug abusing teens, South Bay Community Services (SBCS) in Chula Vista, CA has evolved and expanded in response to the growing needs of the community. A multi-service and community development agency, SBCS currently provides several programs focusing on providing safe and productive environments for foster youth, including an affordable transitional living program for youth aging out of foster care, skill building, and shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth. South Bay Community Services' bi-lingual financial literacy courses will educate families on banking, consumer education, and credit/homeownership.

## **Washington, District of Columbia (D.C.)**

**Lydia's House** - Dedicated to growing children, strengthening families and changing neighborhoods, Lydia's House in Washington, D.C. takes a holistic approach to community development. By providing social services, emotional support and educational resources Lydia's House addresses the needs of low-income and at-risk families at every stage of the poverty cycle. As a full service housing agency, Lydia's House provides homeless and homeowner counseling, foreclosure prevention and financial literacy skills to empower women of all ages.

## **Chicago, Illinois**

**La Casa Norte** - La Casa Norte is working to impact the social problem of homelessness for individuals and communities in Chicago, Illinois. With an approach grounded in three areas - mission, service, and delivery - La Casa Norte is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for homeless and abandoned people. They provide a comprehensive program of education, guidance and counseling in a community setting. Bi-monthly workshops are held on banking services, credit management and homeless prevention and intervention. In addition to these services, a multi-session youth series, "Smart Money", will be held as well as an annual tax preparation workshop.

## **Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Nevada Fair Housing Center** - Committed to creating access to housing and credit markets, the Nevada Fair Housing Center, Inc. (NFHC) initiates positive change through programs that address housing and consumer protection. NFHC's Financial Literacy program provides a comprehensive continuum of financial services that enable clients to accomplish specific measurable financial goals.

## **Columbus, Ohio**

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)** - The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) educates low-to-moderate income households about purchasing and keeping a home. Financial education and down payment assistance are important components of their classes. MORPC is expanding its outreach by providing financial education to individuals and families that face the greatest need. These include families facing default and foreclosure on their home loans and college students facing many financial decisions for the first time.

## **Dallas, Texas**

**FAIM Economic Development Corporation** - Founded to educate, empower, and facilitate economic development in the Dallas, Texas community, FAIM Economic Development Corporation (FAIM EDC) serves as a catalyst and conduit to maximize human potential and community transformation. Since 2003, FAIM EDC has provided financial education to over 6,000 individuals. They educate consumers through a combination of individual counseling and programs that focus on money management, homeownership, investing, and entrepreneurship.

## **Richmond, Virginia**

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (H.O.M.E.)** - Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) is a comprehensive housing counseling and fair housing organization in Richmond, Virginia whose mission is to ensure equal access to housing for all people. HOME is designed to foster self-sufficiency and help people find and keep housing that meets their needs. Through its Center for Housing Education, HOME will educate more than 3,000 Virginia residents.