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Introducing Youth to a Reality Cash Course

Woodbridge, VA, June 7, 2011 — On May 26, 2011, Belvoir Federal Credit Union’s Financial Education Program introduced a “Reality Cash Course” to 30 students from The House – an organization focused on at-risk and disadvantaged youth. The “Reality Cash Course” was presented and hosted by four volunteers from the credit union (*Kelli Jo Anthon, Gaye DeCesare, Wanda Hagen, and Ken Worthey Jr.*) and four from The House (*Leigh Ann Gordon, Todd McCormick, Jessica Streufert, and Katrin Sydlík*).

The course created real life scenarios where participating students were required to make financial decisions based on the situation they were provided which included variable such as marital status, number of children and their ages, occupational status, benefits package (encompassing 401K, tuition reimbursement, stock options, etc.), net income calculations, monthly bills/expenses, non-routine costs, and leisure activities. All of these considerations were provided to students who allocated their monthly budget to cover expenses.

“Having the opportunity to partner with The House as we worked with their students was very rewarding. The youth truly learned about real world scenarios as we worked through the simulation,” stated Kelli Jo Anthon, Belvoir Federal’s Financial Coach and main presenter of the “Reality Cash Course.”

The House resides on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. This organization is dedicated to providing positive role models for youths with mentors who will assist and encourage young people with the direction they want for their futures. The House helps the adults of tomorrow, today. For more information, visit www.thehouse-inc.com.

About Belvoir Federal Credit Union

Belvoir Federal is a member-owned, full-service financial institution that provides the foundation for the financial success of our Members. Belvoir Federal, a not-for-profit organization, has served the Fort Belvoir and U.S. Armed Forces community since 1946. For more information about Belvoir Federal, please visit www.BelvoirCreditUnion.org.

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