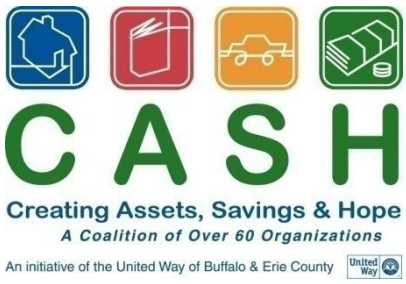

Financial Education Committee
November 19, 2008

Introductions:
The following committee members were in attendance: Kate Beck, Mary Philbin, Mark Manuele, Kate Bukowski, Brad Dossinger, Karyn Hausknecht, Marian Deutschman, Della Miller, Justin Moscati and Nicole Juzdowski.

Financial Education Survey:
The meeting began with the passing around of a list of the remaining Financial Education Survey contacts that have yet to respond to the survey. The committee was asked to identify both corrections to the list as well as who they would be willing to contact. Justin will email the committee links to the survey for their contacts.

Brad Dossinger: Rosanne Sciekela (Gloria Parks), Louisa Frazier-Merrit/Beverly Moore (Buffalo Urban League), Erma Brown (Ellicott District Community Dev. Corp), Phil Lowry (Lackawanna Housing Dev. Corp).

Mary Philbin: Leisha Gordon (First Niagara Bank).

Karyn Hausknecht: Kristen Drozdzak (Town of Tonawanda Comm. Dev. Corp).

If any other members of the committee planned to reach out to survey contacts please let Justin know. Thank you.

The committee also discussed the release of the results of the survey. Dates such as the end of February, March, and April were suggested. At this time, the committee decided that the best course of action may be a silent release to organizations in need of services in late February followed by a public release in April following tax season.

CASH Coaches Training Sessions:
It was reported to the committee by Nicole that training is ongoing and will be provided to anyone interested.

Future Committee Plans:
Nicole also asked the committee about future plans as far as meetings in the new year as well as future goals of the committee in the coming year. The committee chose to keep the meetings on 3rd

Wednesday of each month, 9:00 am at the United Way. Also discussed, was the fate of the 5 DVD series the committee had produced and also the use of the resource guide provided online. It was decided that both of these tools would be looked at further in the coming months. The committee also decided to defer judgment on future goals until the next meeting date where the committee's mission will be examined.

Other Updates:

Free Tax Preparation:
Justin informed the committee that Free Tax Preparation volunteer training had begun and schedules and brochures were passed out. Justin also alerted the committee that Free Tax Prep marketing materials were now available for anyone interested.

CASH-IN Saturday:
CASH-IN Saturday will take place on January 24, 2009 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the CASH Hope Center in the Tri-Main Building. The committee was advised that it would be the same sort of one stop shop theme as last year's function.

SNAP:
Nicole reported to the committee that the SNAP sites with Belmont have completed 90 applications for Section 8 housing.

The next Financial Education Committee meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2008, 9:00 am at the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County.