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BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT TO NCCEE

\$10,000 Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation Supports Financial Literacy Efforts

Raleigh, N.C. — The North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE) announced today that it has received a \$10,000 operating funds grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in support of the NCCEE's economic and financial literacy efforts for North Carolina's educators and students. The NCCEE provides staff development sessions for North Carolina's K-12 teachers at which attendees receive resources, standards-based curricula, and training; including the Financial Fitness for Life™ comprehensive k-12 financial literacy curriculum which was underwritten by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The NCCEE just completed a series of workshops wherein 90 North Carolina high school teachers received the resource and training on its use in preparation for the new essential standards which will have a greater focus on economics and personal finance.

The NCCEE also sponsors statewide academic competitions designed to engage students in fun ways that incorporate job readiness and financial literacy skills. The funds provided from Bank of America will cover general operating expenses for the NCCEE while it works to achieve its mission of enhancing and advancing economic and financial education for North Carolina's teachers and students.

Charles Bowman, North Carolina State Market President for the bank stated that "Bank of America is pleased to support NCCEE and our North Carolina high school teachers. We believe that teachers are just as critical as parents to helping our youth become financially empowered."

Sandy Wheat, executive director of the NCCEE said, "Bank of America is dedicated to a stronger financial future for the students and citizens of North Carolina. Their ongoing partnership with the NCCEE is proof of their strong commitment to financial education."

The Financial Fitness for Life workshops were made possible by funding from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation and the Council on Economic Education.

About the North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE):

The North Carolina Council on Economic Education was founded in 1970. NCCEE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization working with K-12 teachers statewide to give our students a better understanding of economics and to prepare them for personal financial decision-making. With support from private businesses and foundations, and through partnerships with state agencies, the NCCEE is a tremendous example of an effective public-private partnership. More information on is available at www.nccee.org.