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Part 3: YFE Summer Camps Wrap On High Note



Campers from Q Foundation (Charlotte) and Lyon Park (Durham)

Immediate Release: September 1, 2009- Summer camps in North Carolina proved to be ideal setting for the Youth Financial Education (YFE) to reach the state's youngest savers. Since June, YFE has reached approximately 350 students from ages 4-16. With support and assistance from First Legacy CCU, Generations CCU, Greater Kinston CU, Latino CCU, Local Government FCU and Self-Help CU, students were able to establish personal saving practices and engage in activities that allowed them to apply their financial education lessons for a greater understanding of money management.

The 2nd round of YFE summer camp sessions ended in August. In Durham, the savings challenge winners from Lyon Park Community Center were rewarded for their efforts and participation with an awards ceremony, CDCU tour and pizza party. The 45 students, including 22 campers from a special population's camp, were able to save over \$130 in less than 3 weeks. "I'm so glad that I had this opportunity to actually engage with the community and do something positive with my free time," said Derek Williams. "The information that the YFE program provides is vital and I believe that without it many kids would have never been introduced to some of the concepts that we discussed."



Q Foundation founder, Stephán Askew (center) with campers.

In Charlotte, campers from summer camp operated by the Q Foundation, received YFE certificates and visited First Legacy Community Credit Union upon the completion of the program at their camp. "It was a pleasure working with Kimberly and the YFE program," said Roger Davis, Roger Davis, Q Camp Director. "The monies the kids saved were used on their field trip to Carowind's as part of an end of camp celebration, which was part of their saving goal."

The program also began its "train the trainer" series in August. Offered to member CDCUs and their volunteers, the workshops are in partnership with the National Youth Financial Educators Council (NYFEC). The 3-part series will allow participants to conduct YFE endorsed financial education sessions in schools in LMI communities across North Carolina. At the end of the series, each participant will receive certification as a National Youth Financial Educator.

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