TAKE CHARGE AMERICA’S MIKE SULLIVAN EDUCATES MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS ABOUT CREDIT REPORTS AT NATIONAL FINANCIAL TRAINING

PHOENIX – (August 10, 2012) – Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit counseling agency in Phoenix, helped middle and high school teachers from the northeast United States gain a better understanding of credit reports as they prepare to introduce financial lesson plans into their classrooms.

Sullivan presented “Credit Reports 101” on August 8 at the Family Economics & Financial Education (FEFE) Educator Training at Towson University near Baltimore, Maryland. He covered the anatomy of credit reports, how they work and why they are important.

Maryland’s FEFE Educator Training is one of several FEFE trainings nationwide that provide teachers with the knowledge, skills and lesson plans to educate their students on personal finance.

This is the ninth year Sullivan has presented at a FEFE Educator Training, helping teachers improve their own financial literacy before they head back into the classroom. He has previously spoken about identity theft and dealing with debt.

“Take Charge America is very passionate about FEFE’s mission to improve financial literacy in our schools,” said Sullivan. “We can make an incredible impact on our nation’s future by giving teachers new and enhanced tools to teach their students about money.”

During FEFE’s first year, 50 teachers reached about 1,200 students with its personal finance lesson plans. The program now impacts approximately 750,000 students annually. More than 25,000 teachers from all 50 states have registered to use the curriculum.

As the primary founder and sponsor, Take Charge America helped create FEFE in 2001 and has remained committed to the program ever since. FEFE is housed under the Take Charge America Institute for Consumer Financial Education and Research at the University of Arizona.

Sullivan Available to Speak to Community Groups About Personal Finance

Sullivan regularly presents on a variety personal finance topics to a wide range of audiences around Arizona, free of charge. If your group is interested in hosting Sullivan, email him at msullivan@takechargeamerica.org. Popular topics include: developing effective financial habits, budgeting to meet living expenses, and managing credit cards and other debts.

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Take Charge America, Inc., a non-profit financial education, credit counseling, housing counseling and debt management agency, is dedicated to helping consumers nationwide improve their financial futures. Founded in 1987, the organization has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit www.takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.

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