



Hello,

My name is Sally Garven. I am an AmeriCorps volunteer placed with the Licking County United Way to teach Financial Responsibility to the young people of Licking County.

This volunteer position was created in response to concerns about personal money management skills, which was identified in the 2006 Licking County Community Blueprint Needs Assessment. The Licking County United Way has partnered with the Licking County Coalition for Housing's Positive Balance Program to provide this program to educate youth in the area of financial responsibility.

I have been invited by _____ to teach practical money skills to your child. These skills include:

Needs & Wants	Spending
Allowances	Credit
Counting Coins & Bills	Goals
Savings	Jobs, Wages and Earning money
Budgeting	

The curriculum that is being used with children in grades K- 5 is a combination of National Endowment for Financial Education (N.E.F.E.), Money Magic and Citi Group curriculum. The curriculum being used for teens is from N.E.F.E.

On the reverse of this letter, we have provided you with some practical tips that you can use with your child to reinforce what they are learning in this class. If you are already using some of these tips, we applaud you for putting your child on the path to financial responsibility. In additions, we have included below some web sites you may find helpful.

If you would like more information about the Licking County United Way or the Licking County Community Blueprint, please visit our website at www.lcuw.net or call 345-6685. You can contact me, Sally Garven, at 345-8717 for additional information on the financial responsibility program.

The mission of our partner, Licking County Coalition for Housing's Positive Balance Program, is to expand opportunities for people living in Licking County by promoting services that will improve their personal financial conditions. Positive Balance offers one on one financial counseling and free tax preparation. If you would like either of these services, or for more information, please contact me at 345-8717.

Thank you,

Sally Garven

Helpful web sites:

Web site: <http://hsfpp.nefe.org> www.citigroup.com www.learntosave.com