

## **JFS collaboration yields second \$10,000 check**

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Jewish Family Services (JFS) is pleased to announce that CitiGroup Foundation, parent company of Smith Barney, has again presented the agency with a \$10,000 check to be used for JFS' Financial Literacy program.

The agency received \$10,000 from Smith Barney in 2005 that supported a series of classes titled "Putting Your House in Financial Order." The classes were geared towards young women, ages 16-21 and working women ages 18-45, to help them develop their financial skills.

JFS CEO Chuck Weiden stated, "Jewish Family Services is thrilled with this generous check and strong partnership that has evolved with Smith Barney."

In addition to helping JFS secure the check, Keith Schuss, a former JFS board member who is vice president of investments and financial planning specialist at Smith Barney, donated his time this past year to speak to JFS clients (dislocated workers) that attend weekly networking sessions as a part of the agency's S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (Strategic Utilization of Career Centered Employment Support Services for Dislocated Workers) program. He also coordinated with his staff at Smith Barney in purchasing numerous gifts and gift cards and making cash donations to JFS for its annual holiday gift program.

"JFS found from our literacy classes that many of the participants included clients from other JFS programs, all with a common factor- having a lack of knowledge of financial planning and being in a financial crisis," said JFS director of Clinical and Outreach Services Twyla W. Jones. "Now, financial literacy will be offered to all people seeking services from JFS. Since many of our clients do not have the opportunity or time available to attend classes, we are currently working on another system to get the information to them. We plan on holding quarterly theme based financial literacy information session that our clients and the community can attend."

For more information about the Financial Literacy program or Outreach and Clinical services and programs, contact Jones at (614)559-0143, via e-mail at [tjones@jfscolumbus.org](mailto:tjones@jfscolumbus.org) or visit the JFS Web site at [www.jfscolumbus.org](http://www.jfscolumbus.org).