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Wachovia partners with Junior Achievement to bring the "economics of life" to local students

Willingboro, NJ – Wachovia has partnered with Junior Achievement of New Jersey (JA-NJ) to provide financial literacy and economic educational programs to students in southern New Jersey. On Wednesday, January 24, approximately 21 employee volunteers from Wachovia went into 18 classrooms at W.R. James Elementary School in Willingboro, NJ and taught the JA curriculum to about 338 students in grades K through four as part of a JA In-a-Day program.

Wachovia and its employee volunteers provided these children with an interactive, colorful and information-rich curriculum produced and supplied by JA. These volunteers gave of their time and themselves, teaching and connecting with the students. They taught about business, economics and life skills, instilling confidence and driving home the economic value of a diploma.

About Wachovia

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