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**SOUTH HIGH STUDENT TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL FITNESS AWARD
Wachovia Securities-Sponsored City Year Cleveland “Success Center” Prepares
South High Students For Future**

Cleveland, OH – May 11, 2008 – A student at Cleveland’s South High School will be honored Wednesday, May 21 at 1 p.m. in the Success Center for showing she has the ambition to learn and understand the necessary tools to secure a successful financial future.

Mary Spencer, a tenth grader, is just one of the many students who took part in South High School’s Success Center this past year, which was sponsored by Wachovia Securities and made possible through City Year Cleveland.

The program teaches students how to save money, balance a checking book, manage credit and develop skills needed for life after graduation. Trained City Year corps members teach the necessary material at the school each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

City Year Cleveland team service leader Kendra Cramer, who will be recognized at the award ceremony for her dedication to the program, said the Success Center is off to a terrific start.

“This was a pilot program,” Cramer said. “It was a great experience because we got to create an entire program from scratch. I think it is headed in a good direction. I think we laid a really great foundation and I think next year’s City Year Cleveland corps members will be able to build upon what we started.”



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Cramer, 24, said the Success Center turned into much more than learning how to manage finances. She said the Center also served as a quiet place for students to work on resumes, interview skills, Ohio Graduation Test tutoring, college and career preparation and more.

Cramer is completing her second year of service with Cleveland City Year before heading to Chile to participate in a six-month outdoor leadership program.

“The City Year team went into a troubled school in a troubled Cleveland school district and helped to get a new program started. They did a great job and hundreds of students came through the Success Center doors this year,” said Gretchen Faro, executive director of City Year Cleveland.

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