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Pictured above are the Verizon employee volunteers who volunteered at Quitman Street School along with Catherine Milone, JANJ President (2nd row, far right).

VERIZON AND JANJ . . . PARTNERS IN FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

NEWARK, NJ – On January 27th, as part of a Junior Achievement "JA Day" event for the third consecutive year, 51 corporate employees from Verizon volunteered their time and talents to team-teach JA's financial literacy programs to 23 classes of kindergarten through 8th graders at Quitman Street School in Newark, impacting 465 students. The event was led by Bill Foshay, SVP/General Manager, Verizon Telecom-NJ and vice-chair of JANJ 's State Board of Directors, and his office and coordinated by Pam O'Neill who recruited the employee volunteers.

At a time when the need for financial literacy education has never been more necessary or widespread, these corporate community volunteers provided the elementary school children with JA's interactive, colorful and information-rich curriculum and led hands-on games and activities designed to better equip the children to enter adulthood with a fundamental understanding of personal finances. These volunteer role models connected with the students by sharing personal stories from their own childhood, educational and employment backgrounds, and key career success skills.

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About Verizon

Verizon Communications Inc., headquartered in New York, is a leader in delivering broadband and other wireline and wireless communication innovations to mass market, business, government and wholesale customers. Verizon Wireless operates America's most reliable wireless network, serving more than 80 million customers nationwide. Verizon's Wireline operations include Verizon Business, which delivers innovative and seamless business solutions to customers around the world, and Verizon Telecom, which brings customers the benefits of converged communications, information and entertainment services over the nation's most advanced fiber-optic network. A Dow 30 company, Verizon employs a diverse workforce of nearly 224,000 and last year generated consolidated operating revenues of more than \$97 billion. For more information, visit www.verizon.com.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement's (JA) mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, JA provides in-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-12. JA offers work readiness programs that focus on seven key content areas: business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, financial literacy, and career development. Today JA Worldwide® reaches over 9,300,000 students worldwide in 100 countries. For more information, visit www.ja.org. For information on JANJ, please visit www.janj.org