Community Service 2011 Partner of the Week: Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)
Week of March 20, 2011

STRIVING for Success: WISER Teams up with STRIVE DC to Provide Financial Workshops for DC Residents

The **Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)** is dedicated to the education and advocacy that will improve the long-term financial quality of life for women. As the only organization to focus exclusively on the unique financial challenges that women face, WISER supports women's opportunities to secure adequate retirement income through research, workshops and partnerships. WISER also operates the National Education and Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning, with support from the U.S. Administration on Aging. The Center specially tailors financial tools and information to meet the needs of women with low-incomes, women of color and women with limited English-speaking proficiency who are most at-risk for financial insecurity in old age.

Since 2003, WISER has brought financial expertise to its partnership with STRIVE DC, a non-profit organization that helps unemployed people in the Washington, DC area transform their lives through job training and job readiness programs. As part of this program, WISER conducts financial workshops for STRIVE DC participants, helping them incorporate their personal experiences into the program to make it even more relevant to their lives. Over the years, these workshops have reached hundreds of low-income DC residents with important basic money management, savings and investing information. In October 2010, WISER was honored as one of STRIVE DC's valuable partners.

STRIVE DC students participate in a money management workshop hosted by WISER. STRIVE DC provides underserved and unemployed DC residents with opportunities to build skills to help them get and keep jobs.

Congratulations Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)!