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**Financial Beginnings and Operation HOPE seek inspirational business people to speak to Oregon youth**

**PORTLAND, Ore., September 13, 2011**—[Financial Beginnings](#) and [Operation HOPE](#), both nonprofits that provide free financial education classes to youth and young adults, are partnering and recruiting speakers for two special fall events.

*Global Dignity Day* –Operation HOPE is hosting an event in Portland on and around October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to celebrate Global Dignity Day.

Speakers will touch on:

- ✓ What dignity means to them?
- ✓ The role personal responsibility plays in contributing to the local economy and a healthy community?
- ✓ Sharing tips, ideas, and advice that would help motivate students to start living a life they would be proud of?
- ✓ Sharing challenges they have faced and what accomplishments they have celebrated in leading a dignified life?

*National Entrepreneurship Week* – Financial Beginnings is hosting events the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2011 to celebrate National Entrepreneurship Week. This community event will raise awareness of Financial Beginnings' new Entrepreneurship program.

Speakers will touch on:

- ✓ Who or what originally motivated them, and from where they continue to draw inspiration?
- ✓ What entrepreneurial spirit means to them?
- ✓ What challenges have you faced and what accomplishments have you celebrated?
- ✓ The role an entrepreneur plays in a thriving community and how entrepreneurs contribute to the local economy?

Community leaders, educators, business professionals, and youth will gather to celebrate, learn, and share inspiration and ideas. Financial Beginnings and Operation HOPE are seeking speakers for these events and/or an ongoing basis to



inspire youth and young adults in the over 100 schools and community groups throughout the Northwest which they serve. If you are interested in getting involved please email [info@FinancialBeginnings.org](mailto:info@FinancialBeginnings.org) or call 800-406-1876.

### **About Financial Beginnings**

Formed in 2005 and based in Portland, OR, Financial Beginnings is a nonprofit organization that provides multi-session courses, free of charge, to students and young adults throughout the Pacific Northwest through visits to their individual schools or community groups. The courses incorporate all aspects of personal finance to provide individuals the foundation needed to make informed financial decisions. More information is available at [www.financialbeginnings.org](http://www.financialbeginnings.org).

### **About Operation HOPE**

Founded in 1992, social empowerment nonprofit Operation HOPE's mission is to expand economic opportunity in under-resourced communities through financial literacy education. HOPE promotes "silver rights" - making free enterprise and capitalism relevant and effective for the underserved. Raising more than \$500 million and directing and restructuring nearly \$500 million more in mortgages and economic support from the private sector, for a total of approximately \$1 billion dollars in economic activity, HOPE seeks dignity and empowerment for all.