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Teri Williams, Author of *I Got Bank*, President and Chief Operating Officer of OneUnited Bank, Signs Her Book and Gives Away 100 Books at the Grove Hall Branch in Dorchester

Book Promotes Financial Literacy to Urban Youth

I Got Bank! tells the story of Jazz Ellington, a ten-year-old boy growing up in an urban community who has over two thousand dollars in the bank and his savings keep growing. His granddad taught him to save his allowance and open a bank account, but everyone in his family – his mother, sister and brother – wants to spend his money. Hanging out with his best friend Marquis, Jazz teaches his friend about banking, credit scores, loans and other money matters. The book, *I Got Bank!* increases financial awareness while sharing the lives of two African-American boys growing up in the city.

Boston, MA (September 7, 2011) – Author of the children’s *I Got Bank!* and OneUnited Bank President and Chief Operating Officer, Teri Williams is signing her book and giving away 100 books (one per family) at the Grove Hall Branch, 648 Warren Street, Dorchester, MA on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The book signing and giveaway are free and open to the public.

Williams wrote *I Got Bank!* in an effort to promote financial literacy to urban youth. To continue to encourage financial education to youth ages 8 – 12, OneUnited is offering free *I Got Bank!* books to public libraries and schools upon request (supplies are limited). To date, more than 1,000 books have been donated to schools and libraries in 34 states. For more information, visit www.oneunited.com/book.

“I wrote the book because helping young people acquire financial literacy skills is a personal passion and mission both for me and for OneUnited Bank,” said Williams. “When children learn the lessons of financial literacy at a young age, they form strong habits that can be life-changing.”

I Got Bank! is published by The Beckham Publications Group, Inc. (www.beckhamhouse.com); it is available on Amazon.com, or ask for it at your favorite bookstore. Info on the book is at www.oneunited.com/book. Retailers may order the book through Atlas Books Distribution or Baker & Taylor.

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