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Consumer Confidence High Among Teenagers

(NAPSA)—Here's good news about America's youth: 73 percent of teens say they would buy a U.S. war bond to support their country.

According to a nationwide survey conducted by Junior Achievement, teens aren't afraid to continue their current levels of consumer spending, either. The survey found 79 percent of young people do not plan to change their spending habits since September 11th. Teenagers are cautiously optimistic about the chances for a speedy economic recovery, too. According to a special JA Interprise Poll on teen perceptions of the economic impact following the events of September 11, 2001, only 37 percent of students think the U.S. economy will take "longer than a year to recover."

The events of September 11, however, seem to have profoundly affected teen perceptions of their future career choices. Ten percent of respondents said they are now more likely to consider a career in the military, eight percent of students said they were more likely to consider a career in law enforcement or fire-fighting, and six percent said they were more likely to consider non-profit work such as joining a relief organization. Other popular answers were journalist, doctor, nurse, and teacher.

The results also indicate that the majority of today's young people want to help the national relief effort. According to survey results, 47 percent of teens say they have given money to the national relief effort. Another 14 percent of teens say they have either raised money on their own (through fundraisers such as car washes), or "have plans" to do so.

Junior Achievement recently created five activities to help



A recent survey discovered teenagers are bullish on America.

adults educate students about the economic impact of the events in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. Designed for students in grades K through 12, the new online resources include topics such as "The Job of A Citizen," and "Investing in People." Junior Achievement has also been named to the White House's libertyunites.org Web site as a national community resource.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest-growing organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. JA programs continue through the middle and high school grades, preparing students for additional key economic and workforce issues they will face in the future.

For more information on JA and on the opinions teens express in its ongoing series of surveys on students' views, visit www.ja.org; call 1-800 THE NEW JA (1-800-843-6395); or write JA National Headquarters, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. You can also contact the nearest Junior Achievement office.