



**Junior Achievement** is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, JA Worldwide provides in-school and after-school programs for students which focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Today, 139 individual area operations reach more than four million students in the United States, with an additional 4.3 million students served by operations in 114 other countries worldwide.

**Junior Achievement of South Florida** is embarking on an ambitious project to significantly transform how every local student is taught to view the world of work, free enterprise and his or her possibilities for success in it through the creation of two "mini-city" experiential programs, **JA BizTown** and **JA Finance Park**, to serve ALL local students over the coming decades. **JA World**, located in Coconut Creek on Broward College's North Campus, is targeted to open in July 2009.

**JA World's BizTown** gives thousands of students in grades four through six the opportunity to run banks, manage restaurants, read utility meters, write checks, and even vote as they experience Junior Achievement's Elementary School Capstone Program. **JA BizTown** combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to one of 28 **JA World**™ facilities across the U.S. and Japan where **JA BizTown** is housed. This is a fully interactive, true-to-life simulation where students learn the fundamental relationship between academics and life beyond school.

**JA Finance Park** is visited by middle grade students after completing a teacher-led, in-class Junior Achievement course. When they arrive on site, students receive a life scenario, including a job, salary, and family situation, to use as the basis of their simulation experience. With their "real-life" personas, they learn how to construct and adhere to a personal budget—including housing and food, savings, transportation, entertainment, health care and maintenance, utilities, clothing, and education. Through a series of money management decisions, students put their classroom studies into action, and face "adult" financial problems. This eye-opening experience gives students a solid foundation on which to build effective personal financial habits for life.

## ON-SITE VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

**Purpose** - Provide guidance and assistance to students and facilitate the on-site storefront simulation of JA BizTown and/or JA Finance Park.

**Commitment** – Volunteer commitment covers a five hour period between the hours of 8:30 and 2:00 dependent upon visiting school's schedule. Schedule includes approximately 30 minute training period, 4 hour on-site facilitation of students and storefront operation, and 15 minute wrap up.

### **Benefits -**

- Leadership Opportunity
- Community Involvement
- Possible Internship Credit and/or Service Acknowledgement for Students
- Participation w/Non-Profit, Philanthropic Organization
- Impact Future Success of Local Students