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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Bergen County Mocha Moms to Donate Over 100 Books to Thomas Jefferson Middle School**

*Teaneck, NJ, - March 19, 2013* - The Bergen County Chapter of Mocha Moms, Inc., a national non-profit organization that supports at-home mothers of color, has raised over \$1,000 toward the purchase of books that will be donated to the Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The books will be available to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders during recess as part of the Teaneck Board of Education's initiative to encourage students to read. They will be presented by leaders of Mocha Moms to Principal Davis and students on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 1:30pm at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 655 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ.

"This is an exciting event for us to be a part of, to help fulfill our *Occupy Schools* mission, to promote and foster parent involvement and engagement in the academic lives of our children," says Candida Wiltshire, Community Service Chair, Bergen County Mocha Moms.

*Occupy Schools*<sup>™</sup> is a bold, national initiative launched in Fall 2012. It aims to empower parents to be active, involved and engaged in their children's schools, and to send a clear message that parents are partners in their children's education. *Occupy Schools*<sup>™</sup> starts where academic success begins—in the home—where our mothers and fathers pledge to build strong educational foundations for their families. It will continue into schools and communities across the country.

The Bergen County Chapter was chartered in May 2004 and today has close to 40 members. As we continue to grow, our goal is to support and empower more moms of color and strengthen our voice in the community.

#### **About Mocha Moms, Inc.**

Today, the fast-growing national non-profit organization has more than 100 chapters in 28 states throughout the country. Mocha Moms, Inc. welcomes people of all genders, religions, races, educational backgrounds, and income levels. Anyone who supports the mission of Mocha Moms, Inc. is welcome to join. Mocha Moms, Inc. has been featured on *Oprah Winfrey's Radio Network*, *Dr. Lisa Oz' show*; *Radio One*, *The Nate Berkus Show*, *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*, *ABC's Nightline*, *Good Morning America* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, as well as in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Essence*, *Ebony* and *JET*.

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