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**For Immediate Release:  Starting April 11th Financial Counseling Now in Paradise!**

Tabor Community Services is pleased to announce that its Ann B. Barshinger Financial Empowerment Center for Lancaster County (BFEC) will soon offer in-person financial counseling services in Paradise, PA. Services include financial assessments, assistance to develop a workable household budget, a personalized action plan to help people achieve their goals, help with reviewing and understanding one’s credit report and how to improve credit scores, effective strategies for paying down debt, counseling to buy a home, and on-going financial coaching to help people stay on track and make needed adjustments as life changes.

In partnership with The Factory Ministries, who is providing an office in their Together Community Center building at 3293 Lincoln Highway East Paradise, a certified BFEC financial counselor will soon be seeing clients by appointment on Tuesday mornings each week. As demand for services grows, the hours available in Paradise will increase. Tabor is already offering its curriculum of free financial education workshops at The Factory. To register for these workshops contact Gayla (717) 687-9594 x 22301.

Scheduling for Financial Counseling at the Paradise office is being done by BFEC staff at Tabor’s main office in Lancaster. For an appointment in Paradise contact Barbara at (717) 358-9364 or [bfolker@tabornet.org](mailto:bfolker@tabornet.org) and be sure to request an appointment in Paradise. More information about the services of the BFEC are available on Tabor’s website at [www.tabornet.org](http://www.tabornet.org) under the Ann B. Barshinger Financial Empowerment tab.

 The Factory Ministries, established 1994, is a social service agency and youth center serving Pequea Valley and Eastern Lancaster County. The Factory Ministries’ mission is to empower the community by acting as a hub to connect needs and resources. Anyone in the community struggling with issues due to poverty are connected to valuable community resources and connections at the Together Community Center (TCC). At the TCC, individuals and families meet with case managers to do intakes, assessments, and goal setting, and find the resources that they need to help them overcome poverty.  Partnering non-profit organizations such as Tabor Community Services, Inc. bring their services on site to the TCC. By bringing services from other places in Lancaster County to the TCC, The Factory Ministries can serve as a one stop shop for those facing poverty in Eastern Lancaster County. The Factory Ministries’ participants are connected to case management, resource workshops, and the food pantry. The Factory Ministries is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. For information about The Factory Ministries, visit [www.thefactoryministries.com](http://www.thefactoryministries.com/) .

For the past 49 years Tabor has been helping clients learn how to meet their housing and financial challenges, rebuild their lives, and contribute to the strength of the Lancaster community in the process. Tabor’s comprehensive array of programs and services include: rapid re-housing for those experiencing homelessness, rental counseling to prevent homelessness, transitioning sheltered persons to permanent housing, supportive housing, budget counseling, financial literacy education, consumer credit counseling, first-time home-buyer counseling, default mortgage counseling, counseling to achieve financial self-sufficiency, and matched savings accounts to help low-income families save for purchasing assets such as a home or education. Tabor also offers specialized programs which serve the specific needs of veterans, disabled persons, individuals experiencing mental illness, and women exiting prison.  This year Tabor will serve more than 4,600 individuals through 20 different programs. For more information about Tabor, visit [www.tabornet.org](http://www.tabornet.org).

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