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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Breathing LIFE into the Tacoma/Pierce County Communities**

*Tacoma, WA, February 9, 2005* - L.I.F.E., Tacoma's new Hip-Hop education program will launch April 2, 2005. Program directors, Fab5 created an innovative arts education and development program that is design to help young adults realize their individual creative attributes. L.I.F.E. stands for:

- *Late Night Programs*
- *Itchy Fingers*
- *First Steps*
- *Expressions of the Wall*

Courses include: Introduction to being a Disc Jockey, Introduction to Break dancing, Introduction to Urban Arts and more. Classes will be held at Puget Sound Christian Center Saturdays April 2nd through April 23rd from 11:00am until 2:00pm.

"L.I.F.E.'s aim is to build a community basis for young adults to gather and learn, allowing them to shape their own future," states Fab5 Communications Director, Dan Harvey. "Fab5 is committed to the uplifting of youth and young adults in our community. L.I.F.E. allows youth and young adults to learn the relevance of the Hip-Hop culture in their lives and how they can utilize it to share their voices."

Class sizes will be limited to 45 students with drop in spaces not being guaranteed. The cost of the program is a minimal \$48 for the 5-week session, \$15 for each drop in class. The price includes curriculum, a DVD and a CD. Fab5 has partnered with Dance Broomz, Supernaturalz, Know Talent Group and Insult 2 Injury to bring the top instructors to the program.

Fab5 is an initiative of the Northwest Leadership Foundation with its mission to enhance the leadership and academic skills of the youth and young adults in Pierce County, as well as, broaden Hip-Hop as a positive medium of expression. Fab5 provides youth in Tacoma and Pierce County with safe, drug and alcohol free events and education programs. The organization's goal is to provide conduits of learning for at-risk youth and young adults in the community. Supporters of the L.I.F.E. program include Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, the Russell Family Foundation and Puget Sound Christian Center. For more information, visit [www.fab-5.org](http://www.fab-5.org) or contact [dan@fab-5.org](mailto:dan@fab-5.org).