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Volunteers needed for Community Action Project's 2009 Tax Program

Community Action Project of Tulsa County is looking for dedicated volunteers for its 2009 Tax Program. Each year during tax season (January to April 15), CAP provides free tax preparation assistance to Tulsa families and individuals who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. To be eligible this year families must have made less than \$50,000 and individuals less than \$40,000.

The goal of CAP's tax program is to decrease poverty and to expand economic independence in Tulsa by increasing the participation rate and use of the EITC by eligible low- and moderate-income working people. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is worth up to \$4,824 to families with two or more children. Due to the state of the economy, CAP anticipates its 2009 tax season will be the largest to date.

CAP provides training for tax preparation volunteers using I.R.S. materials and the TaxWise software, offering day, evening and weekend hours. CAP's program is part of the I.R.S. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and completion of the training gives the volunteer certification by the I.R.S.

Spanish-speaking volunteers are strongly encouraged to participate for CAP's bilingual site.

CAP's EITC program is one of the largest of its kind in the country and is a model that has been replicated in more than 25 cities throughout the U.S. Last year CAP served more than 17,000 clients and returned more than \$24 million to the Tulsa community in a record-breaking season of its EITC program.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2009 tax season, contact Pam Smith, EITC Manager, at psmith@captc.org or call 918-382-3225.

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Community Action Project (CAP) of Tulsa County is the largest anti-poverty nonprofit in Oklahoma and a nationally recognized provider of research-based, high quality early childhood programs for low-income children from birth through age 5. CAP combines early childhood education of the highest caliber with innovative family financial and health services and targeted community improvement efforts, with a strategic vision to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by improving the prospects of long-term economic success for very young, low-income children, their families, and the communities in which they live.