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## **CAP's Free Tax Preparation Program Kicks Off Jan. 29 with Press Conference**

**Who:** Mark Graham, CEO of the Tulsa Area United Way; Steven Dow, CAP's Executive Director; representatives from the City of Tulsa/Office of the Mayor; volunteers and clients of CAP's tax program

**What:** A press conference kicking off CAP's free tax preparation program

**When:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, Jan. 29 (**National EITC Awareness Day**)

**Where:** CAP's Exchange Center East tax site, 4606 S. Garnett Road, Suite 100

Each year during tax season (January to April 15), Community Action Project provides free tax preparation assistance to Tulsa families and individuals who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). To be eligible for the program, families must have earned less than \$50,000 and individuals less than \$40,000. Anyone laid off from their job in 2009 is also eligible, regardless of income.

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 EITC credit is worth up to \$5,675 to families this year. Due to the state of the economy, CAP anticipates its 2010 tax season will be the largest to date.

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's program culminated in a record-breaking season by serving more than 17,000 clients and returning more than \$29 million to the Tulsa community.

CAP is operating seven tax sites this year:

- Pine and Lewis, 1604 N. Lewis, Springdale Shopping Center at Bank of Oklahoma
- Tulsa Educare, 2511 E. 5th Pl. (next to Kendall Whittier Elementary School)
- Exchange Center, 4606 S. Garnett Rd, Suite 100
- McClure Early Childhood Education Center, 6150 S. Yorktown Ave.
- Eastgate Metroplex, 14002 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. (*Bilingual and ITIN Site*)
- Sand Springs Early Childhood Education Center, 81st W. Ave & Keystone Expressway
- Eugene Field Early Childhood Center, 1120 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St

**To make an appointment, call (918) 382-3333.** For more information on our program, call (918) 382-3200, or visit [captc.org](http://captc.org).

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