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Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County Prepares Tax Returns for Families Making Less Than \$50,000

***Busy Families Are Getting A Break and Having Their Taxes Prepared For Free;
Families Are Also Taking Advantage and Opening a New Bank Account***

March 15, 2011, San Bernardino, CA - As Americans rush to make the April 18th deadline to file their taxes, some have received an unexpected reward when filing this year. The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) is offering tax preparation for free for county residents who made less than \$50,000 last year. While there are some exceptions to the service, taxpayers who meet the requirements are eligible to have their taxes done for free.

The free tax service is offered through VITA, an IRS tax program that ensures the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are claimed by eligible taxpayers. Refund anticipation loans, which charge a taxpayer interest to receive their refund immediately, are not provided at VITA sites. Instead, VITA helps families get their refund within 10 days by opting to e-file and direct deposit. Many VITA sites partner with banks or credit unions that open new accounts for those who do not already have one.

The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County receives funding from the Cal/Neva CASH Campaign, a nonprofit organization promoting services that benefit the community and working families. As of February, the CASH Campaign has helped Community Action Partnerships return over \$4,169,237 in Federal and State refunds and \$1,603,481 in Earned Income Tax Credit refunds.

Tax law can often be confusing, and with six weeks left to file, visiting the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County for free tax preparation is a smart decision for those looking to save money and receive 100% of their refund.

If you would like more information about this topic, or if you would like to schedule an appointment to file your taxes, please call the 909-723-1560.

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CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. We have been serving San Bernardino County since 1965. As one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC, provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/ Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems and the CAPSBC Food Bank. Please call 909-723-1500 or e-mail info@capsbc.org or visit our website www.capsbc.org for more information.