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COMMUNITY TAX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ACROSS UTAH

Salt Lake City, UT (October 15, 2014) – Community Action Partnership of Utah and the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. program are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing tax returns in 2015 at various Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout Utah. VITA sites provide free tax assistance to individuals and families earning less than \$53,000 per year using trained and certified volunteer tax preparers.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome and will receive tax and software training in cooperation with community partners and the IRS. Generally, training occurs in January and can take 15-20 hours to certify. Individuals with good computer skills are needed to assist in preparing and transmitting tax returns through the IRS E-file program.

Last year during the tax season, over 800 VITA volunteers helped nearly 19,000 taxpayers throughout Utah receive approximately \$26.1 million in Federal tax refunds. Included in that total was \$9.6 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). However, the IRS estimates that \$51-70 million of EITC goes unclaimed every year in Utah.

“Being able to provide access to free income tax services is incredibly important, especially for members of our community who would otherwise have to pay hundreds of dollars to have their taxes prepared by a paid preparer,” said Kate Rubalcava, Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Program Director at CAP Utah. “VITA is successful because of the hundreds of volunteers across the state who give in service, and each one of them is appreciated and valued.”

Volunteer opportunities are available all over the state of Utah with flexible hours to fit your schedule:

- Tax Preparer – use income tax software & prepare basic tax returns
- Greeter - welcome taxpayers while providing initial forms and answering general questions
- Financial Advocate – provide information about asset building opportunities
- Interpreter – provide interpretation services to aid in preparation of tax returns

For more information on volunteering or to sign up, visit www.utahtaxhelp.org.

Community Action Partnership of Utah leads, strengthens, and supports the Community Action Network in order to build thriving communities and end poverty. Community Action Partnership of Utah leads the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. program – the statewide coalition tasked with providing free income tax services to tax filers across the state of Utah.

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