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Income Tax Clinics benefit low income individuals and families

Windsor – United Way of Windsor-Essex and Canada Revenue Agency have once again come together to assist low income families and individuals to complete their income tax filing. With many in our community still coping with the current economic conditions, response has been overwhelming.

Partnering with Canada Revenue to provide this kind of support was a fit for both organizations. United Way is providing the space and also administrative coordination to allow low income people to access this service where volunteers from Canada Revenue Agency meet directly with these individuals to assist them in completing their returns.

"For many of these individuals and families with very limited incomes, it is critical to ensure they accurately process their returns in order that they can receive government supplementary income for which they qualify" said Lorraine Goddard, Senior Director for Community Impact. "This is a positive opportunity for local families who need support at this time." she said.

Volunteers from the Canada Revenue Agency are happy to provide their support and expertise. Staff members have an opportunity to work directly with people who are struggling with financial realities of meeting basic needs.

In order to qualify for this service, individuals are required to meet certain criteria, primarily based on income level. They are also required to provide proof of income, including income information slips, rent and property tax receipts and other applicable forms and receipts. To date, over 193 people have taken advantage of this service. The clinics run March 1 - 5, and from March 8-12, 2010. Very limited space is available for appointments.

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United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County mobilizes the caring power of the local community to improve lives in measurable and lasting ways. The organization is led by a diverse group of volunteers from business, labour, government, human services, education and the community. United Way believes that everyone has something to contribute, and provides opportunities for people and businesses to invest in the local community with both financial and human resources. United Way works with its agency partners to balance the urgent needs of today with the desire for a better future for everyone in the region. The organization is a leader in convening partners to address pressing social issues. Additional information is available at www.weareunited.com.

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