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United Way Of Northern Nevada And The Sierra Seeks Tax Preparation Volunteers

Reno, Nev. - United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra's (UWNNS), "Earn It, Keep It, Save It," partnership is looking for volunteers to assist in preparing tax returns in 2012 at various Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout Northern Nevada. VITA sites provide free tax assistance to individuals and families earning less than \$50,000 per year using trained, certified, volunteer tax preparers.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome and will receive tax training in cooperation with community partners and the IRS. 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, volunteer tax preparers helped more than 2,500 taxpayers receive approximately \$3.4 million in Federal tax refunds. Included in that total was \$891,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits, \$602,000 in Child Tax Credits and \$81,000 in Education Tax Credits.

"Increasing financial stability for all northern Nevada residents is a primary goal for UWNNS," said Karen Barsell, CEO and President of UWNNS. "VITA sites are important in achieving that goal but cannot happen without volunteers."

Volunteers can help in three ways:

- Become a return preparer and help prepare tax returns
- Become a site coordinator and prepare tax returns, as well as supervise and manage all aspects of the VITA site
- Become a greeter and greets taxpayers while providing initial forms and answering general questions

For more information on volunteering or to sign up visit www.nevadavolunteers.org and enter Keyword: VITA or contact Mike Lee at maldjm@gmail.org or call 775-325-8913.

About United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra

The foundation that nurtures and supports healthy lives is made up of three, interconnected 'building blocks' – education, financial stability and health. United Way is ideally suited to create positive, lasting change by addressing all three areas as one – through proper expertise, capacity and relationships. Join us! Bring your passion, knowledge and resources to get things done all across our community. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when a neighborhood turns around and when workers have solid jobs. For more information, call 775-322-8668 or visit www.uwnns.org.

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