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Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Seeking Volunteers for Upcoming Tax Season

HUDSON VALLEY, NY – In an annual partnership, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide and the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition are providing free tax preparation services to eligible residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties. This initiative primarily benefits seniors and low-to-moderate income households, offering a reliable and affordable solution for tax filing.

As the 2025 tax season approaches, both organizations are actively recruiting volunteers to join this valuable community service. Free training sessions will be held throughout the fall of 2024 and early winter of 2025.

Melissa Clark, Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, praised the CASH program: "The CASH volunteers are dedicated and passionate about helping their neighbors. Their efforts ensure that over 6,000 local households receive their full tax refunds, providing a significant boost to their financial stability."

Last year alone, the program assisted 6,418 residents, resulting in over \$4 million in tax refunds and credits. This not only benefited families and individuals but also saved them nearly \$1.9 million in tax preparation fees.

Volunteer opportunities are available to individuals of all skill levels. While a background in accounting or finance is helpful, it is not required. Administrative and support roles, such as tax site greeters, program marketing, and appointment support, are also available for those who prefer non-mathematical tasks.

Individuals with computer proficiency and a desire to help others are strongly encouraged to join the volunteer team. Prior experience with tax filing is advantageous but not mandatory. Tax volunteer classes will provide comprehensive training and culminate in IRS certification upon successful completion. The Hudson Valley CASH Coalition is actively seeking bilingual volunteers to better serve Spanish-speaking clients.

For more details on volunteering, please contact Linda Eddy at 845-475-7500 or leddy@dutchesscap.org or visit www.hv-cash.org.

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About Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition

The Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition is a collaborative effort between AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, and 13 other community partners. Together, they aim to provide vital services to residents in the Mid-Hudson region, including free tax preparation assistance to eligible individuals and families.

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