

NEWS RELEASE: United Way taking appointments for mobile tax prep unit at Augusta High School

We sent the following news release out to all media today...

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WICHITA, Kan., March 5, 2010 — On Mar. 18 and 19, Augusta High School will host a mobile unit providing free income tax preparation for people with low to moderate incomes who may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Persons must set up an appointment by dialing 2-1-1 (United Way's 24-hour toll-free information line).

"We are pleased to bring this free income tax preparation to Butler County for individuals with low to moderate incomes," said Patrick J. Hanrahan, president of United Way of the Plains. "We appreciate USD 402 Augusta Public Schools for donating the high school parking lot to make this possible."

The program in Butler County is a result of a collaboration between the BE\$T* Coalition of South Central Kansas, United Way of the Plains, IRS and Mid Kansas Community Action Program. The tax preparation is being provided by VITA** volunteers who are trained and certified through the IRS.

Millions of dollars in tax credits go unclaimed each year because people don't know about them or don't know how to apply for them. According to the IRS, many individuals qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) but cannot afford professional tax assistance.

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