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Free Tax Preparation in Tempe

Tempe, AZ – Free tax preparation, electronic filing and direct deposit of your tax refund are all available for qualified individuals and couples Wednesdays from 5-7pm on February 2, 9, 16, & 23 and every Saturday through April 9, 2011 (except March 12 and March 19) from 9AM to Noon at Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave. This site has Spanish translators and is accessible for people with disabilities.

Trained volunteer tax preparers certified by the IRS provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for individuals earning \$35,000 or less per year and couples making \$55,000 or less per year. With electronic filing and direct deposit, taxpayers can expect refunds in 3-4 working days.

Incentive to Save with U.S. Savings Bond

The IRS has made it easy to save some of your federal tax refund by allowing you to split your tax refund among three accounts, such as a checking, savings and a U.S. Savings Bond. The first 60 people to invest \$100 of their tax refund in bonds for children, will then receive a \$50 bond for a child of their choice.

Items taxpayers must bring:

- Valid photo ID for yourself and/or your spouse.
- Social Security cards or ITIN cards/numbers for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Birth dates for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Wage and earnings statements from all employers. (Form W-2 or 1099-MISC)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks. (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- Other relevant information about income and expenses.
- Total amount paid for day care and the day care providers' tax identification number.
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit. (optional)
- Copy of last year's tax return.
- If filing joint, both you and your spouse must be present to sign the return.

Taxpayers can also call Community Information and Referral at 602-263-8856 or visit <u>www.cir.org</u> for free tax preparation sites throughout Arizona.

This program is made available through the Tempe's Financial Stability Initiative (FSI), a program of the Tempe Community Council. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tcc/FinancialStability/

About Tempe Community Council

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