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United Way Provides Free Savings Bonds at VITA Tax Preparation Sites

Corpus Christi, TX (February 2, 2011) United Way of the Coastal Bend is now offering \$50 Savings Bonds to the first 30 eligible clients at free tax preparation sites located at the Boys & Girls Club of Corpus Christi and Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union.

Eligible participants for the \$50 U.S. Series I Savings Bonds are individuals who:

- Qualify for free tax preparation services – income of less than \$50,000 in 2010
- Receive at least a \$500 tax refund.
- Commit to purchasing a \$100 to a U.S. Series I Savings Bond with their tax refund to match free \$50 Savings Bond.

“Saving during these tough economic times is essential, but an increasingly difficult practice for many Texas families. Savings bonds are a safe and easy way for individuals to begin or build upon savings for themselves and others, and we are excited to offer a limited number of incentives at our free tax preparation site to make saving even easier,” said Donna Hurley, community services director for United Way of the Coastal Bend.

The Coastal Bend CASH Coalition, a VITA collaborative partnership of United Way of the Coastal Bend, Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union, Corpus Christi Housing Authority, Del Mar College, Goodwill Industries, the Internal Revenue Service, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas A&M-Kingsville operate free tax preparation sites throughout the community during the tax filing season. The last day to file income tax returns is Monday, April 18th.

A complete listing of site locations and schedules is available at www.uwcb.org.

Funding for the opportunity is made possible through a statewide grant from United Ways of Texas and *OpportunityTexas*. The statewide grant aims to boost savings opportunities for Texans through U.S. Series I Savings Bonds. To learn more about the organizations, visit www.uwtexas.org or <http://www.opportunitytexas.org/>.

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About United Way of the Coastal Bend

United Way of the Coastal Bend is improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of community. Focusing on the basic building blocks for a good life: Education, Income and Health United Way of the Coastal Bend provides funding to 44 programs in Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces and San Patricio

Counties. For more information on how you can join the United Way and its partners to build a stronger community, please visit www.uwcb.org or call (361)882-2529

About Coastal Bend CA\$H Coalition

The Coastal Bend CA\$H Coalition is a collaborative effort to provide free tax preparation, financial education, and financial services to help the under-served build for the future and become economically stable. The group is comprised of members from United Way of the Coastal Bend, Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union, Corpus Christi Housing Authority, Del Mar College, Goodwill Industries, the Internal Revenue Service, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas A&M-Kingsville.

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