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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **United Way Seeks Volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program**

Corpus Christi, TX (November 23, 2010) – United Way of the Coastal Bend and the Coastal Bend CA\$H Coalition seek volunteers interested in helping low-to moderate-income working families to prepare and e-file their tax returns through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Training is provided.

VITA is free assistance to individuals who qualify - earning approximately \$49,000 or less in the 2010 filing year.

VITA volunteer positions include income tax preparer, interpreter, screener/greeter and quality reviewer. Volunteers are asked to commit at least 20 hours of time during the tax filing season with flexible day, evening and weekend hours available.

“Community members are invaluable to the success of the VITA program,” shares Donna Hurley, community services director at United Way. “Last year, volunteers prepared more than 1,300 tax returns resulting in almost \$2 million dollars of worth of refunds to our local economy.”

For more information including a training schedule, visit [www.uwcb.org/vita.cfm](http://www.uwcb.org/vita.cfm) or contact Donna Hurley, community services director at 361-882-2529 x118.

#### ***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](http://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, Del Mar College, Goodwill Industries, the Internal Revenue Service, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas A&M-Kingsville.

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