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United Way Hosts Second Round of Training for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Corpus Christi, TX (December 23, 2010) – United Way of the Coastal Bend and the Coastal Bend CA\$H Coalition seek community 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.

Volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS so they can help eligible taxpayers with several special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the Credit for the Elderly. The next training session is scheduled to begin early January.

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

For more information including a training schedule, visit 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 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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