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### **TAX ASSISTANCE RESULTS IN \$2.8 MILLION IN REFUNDS TO BEAVERTON AREA**

**-Post-season tax wrap-up and reminders-**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The Beaverton Tax Assistance Program, provided by the City of Beaverton, in partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) Oregon, resulted in close to \$2.8 million in tax refunds to the Beaverton community.

More than 60 volunteers completed 2,291 tax returns between Feb. 2 and April 16, bringing \$2,791,888 in federal refunds back to the Beaverton community. Tax returns were filed and prepared at the Beaverton Activities Center.

“It’s free and convenient,” said Odileson Diquant, who was a third-year visitor at the free tax assistance site.

Individuals and families that visited the tax site this year had an average adjusted gross income of \$29,401 and received an average return of \$1,759. The tax site assists these eligible individuals and families with receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), with more than 430 taxpayers qualifying for the EITC this year.

“I see what good the tax assistance program does,” said Karen Levelle, 14-year volunteer through AARP Tax-Aide. “We have people come back for years to have us help with their taxes.”

CASH Oregon is continuing to offer free tax preparation at their Lloyd Center location (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, suite 2010) for those that need to file late or amend a return through June. Visit [www.cashoregon.org](http://www.cashoregon.org) for limited dates and times.

Please remember that tax scams take many different forms. Regardless of whether you had your taxes prepared for you or did them yourself, stay vigilant against fake IRS phone calls and emails. The real IRS will never initiate contact with you by phone or email to ask for your personal or financial information, or call you to demand immediate payment. You can report tax scams to the IRS directly. Visit [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov).

For additional information about the program, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep) or contact CASH Oregon at 503-243-7765.

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**Caption:** Site Manager, Mark Kramer (right), assists Odileson Diquant with his tax returns. This year, AARP Tax-Aide and CASH Oregon, along with the city, helped bring in close to \$2.8 million in tax refunds to the Beaverton community.