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COUNTY RECOGNIZES HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS 26,000 Hours Donated by Volunteers; \$15 Million Returned to County Residents in 2007

WHAT: Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) officials will recognize more than 400 volunteers for donating their time to help low-income families file their tax returns and claim their Earned Income Tax Credit.

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007 FROM 10 A.M.-NOON

WHERE: War Memorial Building in Balboa Park
(Corner of Park Blvd. and Zoo Drive)

WHY: 405 volunteers helped residents throughout San Diego County file nearly 30,000 state and federal income tax returns.

A total of 26,776 hours were donated countywide during the 2007 Earned Income Tax Credit campaign.

More than \$15 million was returned to San Diego County residents in 2007 from state and federal income tax returns. Of the total, \$5.6 million were EITC dollars.

Approximately \$20-\$25 million of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) dollars are left unclaimed yearly in San Diego County alone. The figure jumps to more than \$1 billion statewide.

In 2003, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors launched the EITC Campaign, a program that provides tax preparation assistance to low-income workers.

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