



2008 Tax Season Summary

With more than 400 volunteers who were certified by the IRS to prepare taxes, the Community Tax Centers program exceeded its goals and increased the number of tax returns prepared by 28 percent over last year. Individuals and families using our free tax preparation services saved more than \$2.5 million in tax preparation fees.

COMMUNITY TAX CENTER	# RETURNS	TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT	EARNED INCOME CREDIT	CHILD TAX CREDIT
AISD Family Resource Center	661	827,482	344,587	247,400
Dolores Catholic Church	1,516	1,890,111	792,248	634,899
Dove Springs Recreation Center	762	1,141,888	449,350	403,443
Foundation Communities	4,999	6,130,428	2,576,678	1,896,813
Goodwill Community Center	3,076	4,078,264	1,685,273	1,381,667
Mobile Tax Center	116	134,127	52,733	44,249
New Covenant Fellowship	291	393,017	147,727	126,785
Round Rock Baca Center	1,147	1,500,806	563,982	484,011
West Rural Community Center	215	200,205	99,567	54,355
WorkSource	3,078	3,730,078	1,756,654	931,247
Prior Year Returns (2004 – 06)	1,173	885,217	353,934	320,969
Paper Stimulus Returns	250	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008 Tax Season Totals	17,284	\$ 20,911,623	\$ 8,822,733	\$ 6,525,838

In 2008, the tax centers also launched several new initiatives and expanded existing programs. As part of Foundation Communities' efforts to promote asset building, the tax centers conducted 44 Financial Coaching sessions, opened 20 Individual Development Accounts and prepared more than 250 FAFSA forms (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Our Microenterprise Project expanded in 2008, offering several workshops as well as individual appointments for tax preparation and legal advice. Overall, we prepared taxes for 1,550 taxpayers who were self-employed or ran a small business. Our tax center at 3036 South 1st Street is open year-round, so we continue to prepare taxes, FAFSA forms and assist microenterprises.

The Community Tax Centers are made possible by underwriting from Bank of America, Chase, Citibank, City of Austin, City of Round Rock, Comerica Bank Texas, Corporation for Enterprise Development, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Frost Bank, Junior League of Austin, Silverton Foundation, United Way Capital Area, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Wachovia, Washington Mutual and Wells Fargo. In addition, more than 30 community organizations and public entities partner to make the Community Tax Centers program successful by helping with outreach, providing space or lending other in-kind support.