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## Church and Nonprofit Join Forces to Offer Free Tax Preparation to DC's Latino Community

WASHINGTON, DC – This tax season the [DC Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign](#) has teamed up with [Language ETC](#) and [Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church](#) to offer free tax preparation to low-income Latino taxpayers in the District.

With funding from the DC Office of Latino Affairs, this partnership will ensure eligible residents claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and get their taxes filed accurately and at no cost. Spanish-speaking IRS-certified volunteers are providing free tax assistance Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Language ETC and Our Lady Queen of the America Church, located at 2200 California St., NW. The tax site will be open through April 16th for walk-in clients who earn up to \$22,000 for individuals and \$42,000 for families.

“We are very excited to be able to offer this invaluable service to the Latino community here in DC, and we fully support the DC EITC Campaign’s efforts to ensure that low-income Latino families can use their tax refunds to climb the economic ladder”, said Father Roberto Cortes-Campos, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Americas.

The DC EITC Campaign provides high-quality, free tax preparation services to low-income workers, saving these taxpayers hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees, protecting workers from predatory financial products, and ensuring that low-income taxpayers claim every dollar to which they are entitled.

“The DC EITC Campaign has provided quality, free tax preparation services for years, and we are excited for this new partnership to help us extend our services into the Latino community,” said DC EITC Campaign Manager Adam Perry. “Our tax preparation sites give taxpayers quality-reviewed returns, save them money, provide peace of mind that taxes are done right, and share with them information about free financial tools that they might not hear about elsewhere.”

Additionally, taxpayers who need assistance filing for Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (or Tax IDs), can do so through DC EITC Campaign partner [CARECEN](#), which operates a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic in Columbia Heights. CARECEN also helps clients who have complicated tax or immigration issues to ensure that they claim the money they are entitled to.

The DC EITC Campaign is a collaboration between Capital Area Asset Builders and Community Tax Aid. The Campaign provides free tax assistance to taxpayers at 11 sites in the greater DC area. During last year’s tax filing season, the Campaign assisted more than 5,000 low-income taxpayers, with an average annual income of about \$16,000.

In addition to free tax preparation, the DC EITC Campaign provides clients with information on free financial resources, low-cost banking options and savings tools that can help them take positive steps for their financial future.

For more information on free tax preparation through the DC EITC program in English or Spanish, including information about other bilingual tax preparation center in the states of MD and VA, visit [www.dceitc.org](http://www.dceitc.org) or call 1-877-SAVE-515.

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