



**Virginia CASH Campaign
Tax Season Highlights
July 15, 2009**

With twenty eight coalitions making up the Virginia CASH Campaign, tax filing season for the 2008 tax year was most successful. 26 coalitions provided free tax preparation and electronic filing services to over 21,300 individual and families. In addition, over 1,100 paper returns were filed for an additional tax preparation savings to taxpayers of over \$231,000.

Coalition Highlights:

- # Federal returns= **21,345** (21 % increase over last year)
- Total federal refunds= **\$22,832,064** (52% increase)
- Average federal refund= **\$1,070**
- Tax prep savings= **\$4,269,000** (approx. \$200/return)
- Requesting direct deposit= **8,681** (63% increase)
- Average Adjusted Gross Income= **\$15,798**

- EITC returns= **6,058** (31% increase)
- Total EITC refunds= **\$8,047,270** (28% increase)
- Average EITC refund= **\$1,328**

- State returns= **19,869**
- State refunds= **\$3,480,696**
- Volunteers = **875**
- Volunteer hours= **39,399**

Education and Outreach Highlights

- Over **10,000** employers notified of EITC and free tax preparation
- **57** press releases issued
- **39** public service announcements
- **64** newspaper articles published
- Over **1,200** financial education program participants
- Almost **250,000** EITC flyers distributed

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