

Super Saturday Kicks Off Tax Season

Free help and advice on Earned Income Tax Credit



Volunteer tax preparers get ready for a surge of Portlanders seeking help with the tax forms. From left are Jose Soto, Marya Gonzalez and Jerald Robinson, all with KeyBank; and Camille McDonald with CASH Oregon.

Key Bank is teaming up with the non-profit CASH Oregon and AARP to provide free tax preparation on what it is promoting as "Super Refund Saturday" Feb. 5 at Lloyd Center. The free event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Suite 2010.

A primary target is help with basic assistance on tax preparation, but there's also assistance with taking advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The EITC was established to provide tax relief for low income citizens and can turn into a refund between \$457 and \$5,666. But the credit annually goes unclaimed by as much as a quarter of eligible households.

The EITC is calculated according to the number of qualifying children as compared to earned income. Taxpayers with no children still qualify if their income for 2010 was

less than \$13,460. Families with three or more children making less than \$48,362 would earn \$5,666.

Those interested in attending Saturday's event or future CASH Oregon tax help dates should bring all documents relating to filing a tax return, including W-2 forms, 1099 forms, unemployment forms, proof of child care payments, Social Security card for yourself and each dependent, other IRS forms as appropriate, bank account information, valid photo ID and your previous

year's tax return.

CASH Oregon (Creating Assets, Savings, Hope) was established to provide free tax preparation for residents of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County.

The organization is sponsoring a second tax help day on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Northside Family Support Center, 7650 N. Commercial Ave. Additional events are also scheduled through April 16 with more information available on the website cashoregon.org or call 2-1-1.

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