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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Capital Area United Way Announces VITA Program Now Open For 2020 Tax Season

Baton Rouge, La. (January 27, 2021) – Capital Area United Way’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is now open for the 2020 tax season. VITA will run through Tax Day, which is April 15, 2021. This year, CAUW has 16 sites that will open for in-person appointments or for drop offs.

“Our VITA program is vital to helping our community, specifically our ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families,” said George Bell, President and CEO of Capital Area United Way. “This program is successful year over year, and we are happy to provide this service in the midst of the pandemic.”

United Way 2-1-1 is now taking calls and making appointments for VITA. Volunteers will also begin preparing taxes virtually through www.getyourrefund.org/CAUWBR. The virtual tax prep service is set to launch February 12th at the start of the IRS delayed tax season. The online service Myfreetaxes.com will also open mid-February, and clients will be able to do their own taxes for free.

In order for our certified tax prep volunteers to prepare your taxes, please provide the following documents:

- Photo ID (for you and your spouse, if filing jointly)
- Social Security Card or ITN for each family member of your household
- W-2 forms for all jobs, all 1099 or 1098 forms and information on other income received
- Child Care provider name, address and tax ID number
- Checking and savings account numbers
- Last year’s tax return
- 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace Statement (if applicable)
- Other relevant information about income and expenses

The VITA program provides free tax preparation throughout the year to individuals in the community, especially low-income workers, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. The program’s objective is to help eligible taxpayers receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to improve their financial stability, one of the focus areas of Capital Area United Way.

For more information about VITA sites and services visit call 2-1-1, visit www.cauw.org/freetaxes, or text “freetaxes” to 313131.

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