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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Sites Temporarily Closed Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

Capital Area United to Provide Additional Financial Literacy Resources

BATON ROUGE, LA (April 6, 2020) – Capital Area United Way has temporarily suspended its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) service as a precaution against the spread of coronavirus. A high priority at this time is the health and safety of our community, tax preparers and clients.

The volunteer income tax assistance sites across the 10-parish area will not be open for in-person visits until further notice. Capital Area United Way will notify those with scheduled appointments that they will be delayed. Priority will be given to those new appointment dates and times through July 15th to clients once the sites reopen. If you would like to self-file your tax return online, visit www.myfreetaxes.com. Simple federal and state returns can be filed for FREE.

“We understand that clients rely on our free tax prep services, but we must do our part to flatten the curve and abide by the Governor’s request to limit contact with individuals,” stated Delores Hurst, Director of Impact, Income Stability at Capital Area United Way. “When we receive further guidance from local and state officials towards the end of month, we will reopen the tax sites and continue to help those in our community who need this service.”

Tax deadlines have been extended for both, Federal Income Taxes and State Income Taxes to July 15, 2020. This new deadline will include return and payments.

As addition resources, Capital Area United Way will begin Money Monday social media campaign during the month of April, which is Financial Awareness Month. Check out our social media channels for how you can learn more about how to save and spend wisely during the pandemic.

For questions please email vita@cauw.org or call Delores Hurst, Director of Impact, Income Stability at 225-382-3523.

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For more than 95 years, Capital Area United Way has touched thousands of lives in our 10-parish area. We envision a community where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. Our mission is to solve our community’s toughest challenges by leveraging partnerships to advance the common good in education, income stability, and healthy living. To learn more visit www.cauw.org.