

AARP's Tax-Aide Helps Manage Tax-Time Stress

(NAPSA)—Got tax questions? Need advice? No matter whether you've got just a week to file or are trying to get a headstart on next year's taxes, you can get peace of mind through AARP's Tax-Aide program. The organization offers a free tax-counseling program to assist taxpayers with the preparation of federal and state basic income tax returns.

Available to low- and middle-income taxpayers, with priority given to those age 60 and older, AARP Tax-Aide provides face-to-face tax assistance services at 8,500 sites nationwide, including senior and community centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

Almost 32,000 volunteers have been trained and certified in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service to perform these services, and are well-versed in state tax rules.

"AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help seniors with their tax returns right in their community," says Bonnie Speedy, national director, AARP Tax-Aide. "We attract and keep customers coming back year after year, because we provide a free, quality service supported by friendly neighbors."

Tax law can often be confusing. In 2003, AARP volunteers helped more than 1.8 million taxpayers



AARP's trained and certified Tax-Aide volunteers provide help during tax season.

figure out the forms, and made the process of filling out tax returns easier. Most community sites are open through April 15. Sites reopen on February 1 for next year's tax season.

To find an AARP Tax-Aide site in your community, or a neighboring community, call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or log onto www.aarp.org/taxaide. Contact a local AARP Tax-Aide site for details.

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