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City of Miami Tax Preparation Sites Now Open

-City residents can visit one of over 20 city-sponsored locations to fill out their form-

(Miami, FL March 7, 2011)— The City of Miami is once again joining forces with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and its partners to assist residents with their 2010 income tax preparation.

Over 20 City-sponsored locations are offering free tax preparation services and for other important resources such as FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) using the Benefit Bank (TBB) as part of this year's campaign, with services provided through April 15th. Residents wishing to file their tax returns at these sites can learn if they qualify to receive a federal income tax refund of up to \$5,666 via the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and up to an additional \$1000 per child via the Child Tax Credit (CTC). In addition to free tax preparation, all City of Miami sites are able to provide electronic filing for both taxes and other benefits to provide a quicker turn around. Partner sites using the Benefit Bank can handle tax returns who household incomes do not exceed \$60,000. The IRS partnered sites (2) are appropriate for household incomes that do not exceed \$48,862.

The City's free and low-cost tax preparation campaign thus far has produced over \$72 million in EITC returns and more than \$176 million in total refunds while providing a valuable service to thousands of low- to moderate-income residents each year. This program saves residents more than \$3.5 million in tax preparation fees.

Partners in the 2010 campaign include: the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), City's Economic Initiatives, Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) department, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, and many faith-based and community-based organizations.

Residents interested in scheduling a tax preparation appointment at one of the City-sponsored sites, or City-affiliated sites, can call 311.

ACCESS Miami offers its residents programs and services to empower them with access to

financial tools and education that are fundamental to economic prosperity. ACCESS Miami uses the Benefit Bank to provide assistance to its residents through the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) Offices providing the opportunity to apply for Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, among other federal, state and local assistance.

About the Benefit Bank: The Benefit Bank is an internet-based software designed to help low/moderate income families get the tax credits, and other benefits that have been created to help them lift themselves out of poverty.

The City of Miami's FREE tax preparation sites are listed below. Residents are encouraged to call to schedule an appointment.

Super Sites (free tax preparation, in cooperation with the IRS):

| City of Miami NET Offices - Benefit Bank Site List (Free Tax Preparation and Multi-Benefits Available at These Sites) | | |
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| City of Miami NET Offices/ <i>Oficinas de la Ciudad de Miami</i> | Address/ <i>Dirección</i> | Hours of Operation/ <i>Horas Laborales</i> |
| Allapattah NET Curtis Park | 1901 NW 24 th Ave., Miami, FL 33142 Tel: 305-575-5128 Fax: 305-575-5129 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Downtown NET | 1490 N.W. 3 rd Ave., Miami, FL 33136 Tel: 305-372-4550 Fax: 305-372-4553 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Coconut Grove NET Peacock Park | 2820 McFarlane Rd., Miami, FL 33133 Tel: 305-960-4670 Fax: 305-960-4679 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Coral Way NET Simpson Park Currently Located at the Little Havana NET | 1275 NW 1 st St., Miami, FL 33125 Tel: 305-960-4650 Fax: 305-960-4659 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Flagami NET Antonio Maceo Park | 5135 NW 7 th St., Miami, FL 33134 Tel: 305-960-2890 Fax: 305-960-2899 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Little Haiti/Edison NET | 6301 N.E. 2 nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126 Tel: 305-960-2890 Fax: 305-960-2899 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Little Havana NET | 1275 NW 1 st St., Miami, FL 33125 Tel: 305-960-4650 Fax: 305-960-4659 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME POR LA CITA</i> |

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| Model City NET North District Substation | 1000 NW 62 nd St., Miami, FL 33150 Tel: 305-795-2302/04 Fax: 305-795-2322 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Overtown NET Overtown Shopping Center | 1490 NW 3 rd Ave., Miami, FL 33136 Tel: 305-372-4550 Fax: 305-372-4553 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Upper Eastside NET | 6599 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138 Tel: 305-795-2330 Fax: 305-795-2333 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| NET Administration Offices | 444 SW 2 nd Ave., 10 th fl., Miami, FL 33130 Tel: 305-960-4638 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |

City of Miami Partner Sites (free tax preparation and Benefit Bank services):

| Benefit Bank Partner Site List (Free Tax Preparation and Multi-Benefits Available at These Sites) | | |
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| Partner Sites/ <i>Sitios céntricos</i> | Address/ <i>Dirección</i> | Hours of Operation/ <i>Horas Laborales</i> |
| Touching Miami with Love | 711 NW 6 th Ave., Miami, FL 33136 Tel: 305-416-0435 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Curley's house of style | 6025 NW 6 th Ct., Miami, FL 33127 Tel: 305-759-9805 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Shalom Community Church | 900 NE 132 nd St., North Miami, FL 33161 Tel: 305-892-9204 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Good News Club Ministries International, INC | 16752 NE 4 th Ct., North Miami Beach, FL 33162 Tel: 305-999-0355 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| South Florida Urban Ministries | 2850 SW 27 th Ave., Miami, FL 33133 Tel: 305-442-8306 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Faith Family Chapel | 13351 NW 1 st Ave., Miami, FL 33168 Tel: 305-878-3750 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA</i> |

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| Hope Ownership and Personal Enrichment | 4699 NW 27 th Ave., Miami, FL 33142 Tel: 786-312-3787 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| City Reach Ministries Address | 12238 SW 128 St., Miami, FL 33186 Ministry Tel: 305-259-7677 Fax: 786-249-0034 Business Office Phone: 305-969-7873 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |
| Brinnika's Resources & Community Support Services | Main Office 7161 Pembroke Rd, Suite 1 Pembroke Pines, FL 33023 Tel: 954-251-3434/954-391-8085 Fax: 954-391-8196 | CALL FOR APPOINTMENT <i>LLAME PARA UNA CITA</i> |

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