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COMPTROLLER SCOTT M. STRINGER LAUNCHES FREE TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM

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NEW YORK, NY—New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer announced a partnership today among his office and the Internal Revenue Service, the Food Bank for New York City and non-profit organizations located throughout the five boroughs to launch a free tax preparation program available citywide for lower income families during the month of March.

"The tax code can be complex and confusing," Stringer said. "I am committed to helping New Yorkers save money and improve their financial literacy. My office and our partners are working together to help New Yorkers make sense of the tax system and ensure that everyone can take advantage of available credits and deductions for which they are eligible to reduce their tax burden."

Tax preparation help will be available for working individuals and families with adjusted gross incomes of less than \$20,000 and \$52,000, respectively. The program will connect IRS- trained and certified volunteers at locations in one of the City's boroughs each Saturday in March from 10 am to 4 pm. Filers can check the documentation they need to bring by visiting <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers>. Space is limited, so individuals are encouraged to make an appointment by calling the Comptroller's Office at (212) 669-3916.

The calendar of events is the following:

Saturday, March 8th • Goddard Riverside Community Center, 140 West 140th Street (Manhattan)

Saturday, March 15th • SUNY Queens Educational Opportunity Center, 158-29 Archer Avenue (Queens)

Saturday, March 22nd • Bronx Christian Fellowship, 1015 Gun Hill Road (Bronx)

Saturday, March 29th • Crown Heights Community Mediation Center, 256 Kingston Avenue (Brooklyn) and Community Health Action of Staten Island, 2134 Richmond Terrace (Staten Island)

In the 2012 tax year, 1.7 million New York State residents received \$3.9 billion from the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC varies depending on family size and income level. People can check their eligibility by visiting <http://www.eitc.irs.gov/>. In addition, New York City also has a Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC) for children ages 3 and below. Parents who earn less than \$30,000 can claim this credit, which is worth up to \$1,733.

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