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Free Tax Services at SFCC Set Record

Santa Fe, NM May 17, 2011 -- Santa Fe Community College hosted a team of volunteers from AARP Tax Aide again this spring, making the campus the second largest such site in the country and the most active in the Internal Revenue Service's western region. Free tax-preparation assistance to more than 7,500 low-income residents and senior citizens at SFCC – 1,000 more clients than last year – set a community service record and helped return more than \$7 million in federal refunds and over \$1 million in state money to northern New Mexico taxpayers.

Peter Doniger, state coordinator for this AARP program since 2006, reported that SFCC and its Tax Aide volunteers were recognized as Site of the Year by the IRS. Working at both SFCC and Pasatiempo Senior Center in Santa Fe, his crew included 75 volunteers, four college students and no paid staff. Statewide, the effort at 45 sites helps more than 35,000 clients submit their tax returns.

SFCC has provided office space and project support since 2004. As news of the free service spreads and attracts more clients, additional volunteers are needed for the program. Those interested in training to be a volunteer for next tax season are invited to contact Doniger at (505) 670-6835 or psdoniger@gmail.com.

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