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GLENDALE OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

GLENDALE, Ariz. – According to the IRS, the city of Glendale has between four and ten million dollars in Federal Income Tax Credits (EITC) that go unclaimed each year.

The EITC was enacted in 1975 to offset federal taxes paid by low-income wage earners. Last year, more than 20 million taxpayers collected more than \$36 billion in EITC payments.

In fact, the EITC helps lift more children out of poverty than any other federal aid program. Statewide, EITC filers received more than \$27 million in tax year 2003. Nearly half of all Arizona returns claiming the credit had two children in the household.

To assist Glendale residents in applying and receiving these funds, three locations throughout the city have been established for free tax preparation services, between Feb. 9 and April 14. The drop-in sites and times are:

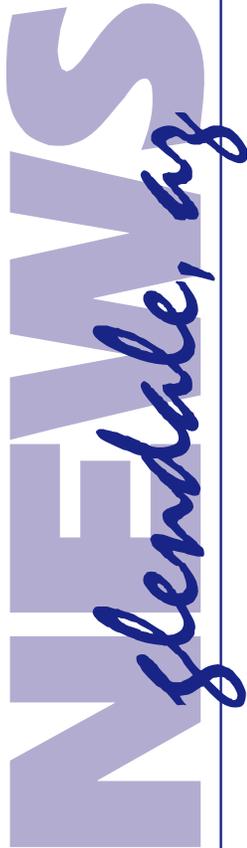
Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd., 9 – 11 a.m.

Glendale Light and Life Church, 6331 W. Lamar Rd., 5 – 8 p.m.

Manistee Manor, located at 7987 N. 53rd Ave., is also offering the service, by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at this location, call 623-915-5039.

For more information about this program, contact the Community Partnerships Department at 623-930-3686.

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