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**Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and AARP Foundation Seeking Volunteers to Assist Local Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties Taxpayers with Tax Preparation**

POUGHKEEPSIE & NEWBURGH, NY — In a renewal of its annual program, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is working with the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition to provide free-of-charge tax preparation services for residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam counties who qualify. The program targets seniors and low-to-moderate income households, offering a seamless and low-cost tax filing opportunity.

For the upcoming 2023 tax season, the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and AARP Foundation are seeking volunteers. Training will be held for new volunteers in the Fall for Dutchess and Putnam residents and in January for those in Orange County. If you are interested in additional information or participating, please contact Linda Eddy at [leddy@dutchesscap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchesscap.org) or call 845-475-7500.

The Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition – a union of AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region as well as an additional 13 other community partners – works to provide much-needed services to thousands of residents in the Mid-Hudson region. Last year, 4,218 residents were assisted through the program, with \$4.2 million in tax refunds and credits going back to families and individuals throughout the community.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for a broad range of skills and interests. An extensive accounting or finance background - or even an interest in numbers - is not necessary to volunteer. Consider joining the team in administrative and support roles such as tax site greeters, program marketing, or appointment support, should you prefer a non-mathematical assignment.

All with computer knowledge and the genuine desire to help others are encouraged to sign up! Experience with filing your own taxes will be helpful. Tax volunteer classes will offer in-depth training and conclude with IRS certification after successful completion. Note: the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition is in need of bilingual volunteers to better assist Spanish-speaking clientele.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Linda Eddy (845-475-7500 or [leddy@dutchesscap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchesscap.org)) for more information or go to [www.hv-cash.org](http://www.hv-cash.org).