

NEED EXTRA CASH? READ THE FOLLOWING TAX CREDIT/REFUND INFORMATION

WISCONSIN AND FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS

You may be eligible for both Wisconsin and Federal tax refunds if you worked for an employer or were self-employed any time in 2008. You may be able to obtain a combined total of state and federal refunds of up to:

- **\$6,898** if you have 3 or more children and your family income was less than \$41,646;
- **\$5,499** if you have 2 children and your family income was less than \$41,646;
- **\$3,034** if you have 1 child and your family income was less than \$36,995.

More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/> and <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/index.html>

WISCONSIN HOMESTEAD CREDIT

You may be eligible for up to a maximum tax credit of **\$1,450** if you were a Wisconsin resident for all of 2008 and can provide copies of rent receipts (if renting) or property tax receipt (if you own your home) and your family income was less than \$24,500 for 2008.

More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/>

FEDERAL CHILD TAX CREDIT

You may be eligible for up to a maximum federal tax credit of **\$1,000** per dependent child under age 17. This tax credit can be used to lower the amount of federal taxes you owe, but the total credit for all children cannot be more than what you actually owe in federal taxes.

More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/index.html>

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE TAX CREDITS OR REFUNDS? NEED HELP TO FIND OUT? NEED FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION ASSISTANCE?

Starting **February 1, 2009** you can get **free tax help** by contacting Wisconsin volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) site. VITA sites can be found in some community centers, libraries, churches, shopping malls, and retirement homes. To find a local Wisconsin VITA site call "211", or call your local Department of Revenue Office listed under "State Government" in your telephone book, or visit the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) Website: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/>. For federal related tax questions and IRS VITA site locations call 1-800-829-1040.

NOTICE! News articles say to be careful if a company promises you tax refund money early based on your last paycheck or a tax estimate. You might lose much of your tax refund due to high interest and fees. Please read and understand before signing any agreement! VITA sites are free and have faster computer processing of tax returns.

Please post in public areas and provide as handouts to customers until APRIL 16, 2009.