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## **Media Alert**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD TAX CENTERS OFFER THE WHOLE PIE TO HOUSTON FAMILIES THROUGH FREE TAX PREPARATION**

*Families can call 2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE for free tax assistance in these difficult economic times*

- WHO:** Neighborhood Tax Centers, a program of Neighborhood Centers Inc.
- WHAT:** Neighborhood Tax Centers will hand out 2-1-1 all-American fresh apple pies showing how free tax preparation gives families the whole pie, not just a slice of the refunds, tax credits and money they have earned. The 2-1-1 is significant because Houstonians can call the 2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE for information on the Neighborhood Tax Center in their neighborhood. Neighborhood Tax Centers provide free tax preparation to families who earn up to \$50,000 or single individuals without children who earn up to \$30,000, which are approximately half the households in the Houston area.

For free tax preparation, Houstonians can contact the 2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE at 2-1-1 or visit [www.neighborhood-centers.org/tax](http://www.neighborhood-centers.org/tax).

- WHEN:** **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:40 a.m.** What other time to get your 1040 done?
- WHERE:** **Ripley House**  
4410 Navigation  
Houston, TX 77011

#### **PHOTO/VISUAL OPS:**

- Tax Center on-site
- 211 apple pies stacked on tables and being handed out
- Volunteer tax preparers in action and available for interview
- Clients benefitting from free tax preparation
- Spanish-speaking spokespersons also will be available for interviews