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### Georgia Federal Credit Union Provides Tax Assistance to Underserved Area



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Athens, GA – Georgia Federal Credit Union (GFCU) has partnered with the College of Family and Consumer Sciences of the University of Georgia to provide the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) consecutively for the past three years. The VITA Program offers free income tax return preparation for low to moderate income individuals and families. Volunteers for the program complete training with the Internal Revenue Service.

Upon completion of the 2008 VITA Program, seventeen sessions were staffed by University of Georgia students enrolled in consumer finance programs under the supervision of the College faculty. The student-volunteers completed the training and participated in the Vita sessions as part of their academic program.

Georgia Federal Credit union provided financial support, computer equipment, and coordination / supervision of the VITA sessions. A total of 261 clients were assisted with their 2007 Federal Income Tax Return to include 260 state returns (Georgia) prepared in conjunction with the Federal.

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This year also marks the first year that the College of Family and Consumer Sciences of the University of Georgia awarded the Thomas E. Cochran Service Award. The award is given in honor of Tom Cochran, a devoted volunteer and GFCU Board member. GFCU received the 2008 award, commemorating Tom's excellent service and partnership with UGA's VITA Program.

**About Georgia Federal Credit Union**

Georgia Federal Credit Union is ranked as one of the top credit unions in Georgia exceeding \$475 million in assets, with fourteen branch locations. GFCU serves employees and family members of over 430 select employee companies and school systems, including the University of Georgia and anyone who lives, works, or worships in Clarke County.

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