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**THANKSGIVING 2008 RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN
KANSAS DISTRICT 27
JOHNSON AND MIAMI COUNTIES**

(Johnson and Miami Counties, KS)-- AARP Tax-Aide KS District 27, which includes Johnson and Miami Counties, is looking for volunteers to do tax counseling. Each year from February 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal, state and local tax returns for low- and middle - income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. You don't need to be an AARP member or be a retiree to volunteer (or to receive assistance from AARP Tax-Aide volunteers).

“Thanksgiving is a great time for all of us to reflect how we can give something back to our communities,” said Bill Peterson, Communications Coordinator for Kansas District 27. “For those individuals looking for a rewarding challenge with time available for volunteering, the AARP Tax-Aide program is a wonderful opportunity to help others. We have a real and immediate need for at least 13 additional tax counselors due to the heavy, on-going demand for free tax assistance in our District. Join our team that serves Johnson and Miami Counties by emailing Ellen Dycus (Prospective Volunteer Coordinator) at ewdycus@midwest-connections.com or calling her at 913-568-4574. Ellen would like to hear from you as soon as possible, so she can help you get on the fast track for training and certification prior to tax season.”

This year on a national level, over 33,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped nearly 3 million people file their personal income tax forms. The program is offered at over 6,000 sites around the country including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations. This year locally, over 70 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped prepare over 6,000 tax returns at 19 different sites within Johnson and Miami Counties.

AARP Tax-Aide tax counselor volunteers receive comprehensive training in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Volunteers are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. For more information about the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer program, visit the website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

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