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H&R BLOCK CANADA DONATES MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION WORTH OF TAX PREPARATION TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS CANADA

Filing can trigger benefits and credits for lower-income Canadians

CALGARY, AB – March 16, 2010 – H&R Block Canada is helping ease the stress of filing taxes for lower-income earners by donating more than 25,000 gift certificates to United Way, food bank and Goodwill clients across Canada. Valued at more than \$1,500,000, the gift certificate entitles clients of an organization or group to have their tax return completed by a trained tax professional at participating H&R Block offices.

“Lower-income Canadians do not always see the benefit of filing a tax return because they did not have a great deal of income during the year,” says Bob Lougen, President, H&R Block Canada. “Filing a tax return could trigger payments like the Child Tax Benefit and the GST/HST credit, which can have a significant impact on the amount of income a family receives.”

Lower-income taxpayers can experience challenges when trying to file. Some do not realize they need to file a return to receive benefits, while others may not have a Social Insurance Number (SIN). If they are self-employed, they may require assistance understanding deductions and how to estimate their expenses.

“This is the third year of our Block Builders program and we have more than doubled our gift certificate distribution from last year,” explains Lougen. “The gift certificates mean people can come at a time that is convenient for them, meet with a tax professional to discuss their situation and receive all of the same services as any other H&R Block client, including year-round support and Audit Assistance. Our goal is to make sure every Canadian gets their maximum refund.”

The gift certificates are being distributed by food banks in B.C. (Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Prince George), Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge), Manitoba (Winnipeg), Saskatchewan (Regina), Ontario (Toronto, Windsor, Ottawa, Sault Ste Marie), Quebec (Montreal), Newfoundland (St. John’s), New Brunswick (Saint John) and Nova Scotia (Halifax).

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