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Free Tax Preparation Offered by Four Bands and Tribal Ventures

Eagle Butte, South Dakota – January 3, 2010 – Four Bands Community Fund, with support from Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Ventures, is setting up a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site where Reservation residents can take advantage of free tax preparation. Appointments will be held weekdays, 9 am to 5 pm, from January 18th through April 18th. Tax preparers will be on-hand at the depot building at 101 S. Main St., in Eagle Butte.

Beginning January 10th, customers can schedule tax appointments by calling 605-964-3687.

Customers must bring two forms of identification along with W2s. Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), a refundable federal income tax credit, are available to those who qualify. Four Bands processes an average of 250 tax returns per year, resulting in nearly \$350,000 in EITC dollars being returned to Reservation communities.

Once again, customers will have the opportunity for direct deposit of tax returns into savings accounts—allowing individuals to earn money in interest. Don't have a savings account? Let Four Bands' staff help you set one up at a local bank or credit union. Returns can also be used for Four Bands' Individual Development Account (IDA) program. The program allows participants to save money for assets such as the purchase of a home or a business, or for higher education. As part of the IDA program, Four Bands will match three dollars for every dollar saved and will provide financial literacy training.

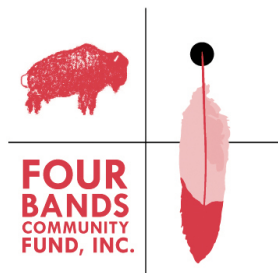
The free tax service compliments Four Bands' Making Waves program—that is replacing poverty and unemployment with financial literacy and entrepreneurship—as it promotes the support of local financial institutions and encourages local residents to make sound money management decisions.

Learn how Four Bands Community Fund can help you reach your goals this year by calling 605-964-3687, or visiting www.FourBands.org.

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About Four Bands Community Fund

Four Bands Community Fund is the leading organization on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in the areas of small business development, business lending, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education. With over a decade of experience in working in a rural, economically distressed area, we have perfected our products and services within our core program areas to overcome the challenges of poverty and unemployment that our residents face.

As a non-profit organization and a certified Native community development financial institution (CDFI), our mission is to assist entrepreneurs of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation with training, business incubation, and access to capital, encouraging economic development and enhancing the quality of life for all communities and residents of the Reservation.