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# CASH NEWS

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## A FEW POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are preparing for another tax season! Come join us as a volunteer!
- Meet all the new faces in CASH's office
- Read about the success of our Financial Advocacy Initiative pilot

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## VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF

It's kick-off time for volunteer recruitment and we are setting our goals high this year.

During the 2007 tax season, we prepared 16,172 electronically filed federal tax returns in the three-county Portland metropolitan area, an increase of 38% over the prior year. Due to rapid growth, our need for volunteers **will double** for the 2008 tax season. Our AARP Tax-Aide partners have identified where they need volunteers this coming year by role and have indicated where we need bilingual assistance.

We have begun to collaborate with local colleges for student volunteers and interns. Over the coming weeks, we will be targeting community based organiza-

tions and employers in areas where we have the greatest need. We will be submitting articles to local news organizations and advertising on volunteer recruitment lists.



AARP/CASH volunteers in action

This week we are giving our volunteers a chance to do some recruiting. They invited friends to a Volunteer Appreciation Party where we can meet and talk with their friends about vol-

unteering. This is a new recruiting strategy for the 2007 tax season.

**YOU CAN HELP.** Do you belong to an organization that would welcome a speaker? I would like to speak in the community about the services we provide and recruit for volunteers. Please give this some thought. It could be your Elks Club, your investing group; any people you feel would be open to an appeal for volunteers.

For more information on speaking arrangements or volunteering, please contact Camille McDaniel in the CASH office at 503-243-7765. Or email her at [camille@cashoregon.org](mailto:camille@cashoregon.org).

## In Memory of David Inman

AARP Tax-Aide and CASH Oregon are mourning the recent loss of our dear friend and volunteer David Inman. David passed away unexpectedly on August 17, 2008 in Forest Grove. He will be remembered for his gracious personality, infinite patience, and incomparable technical skills.

David proudly dedicated an enormous amount of time to the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation. He made an impact at the local, district, state, regional, and national levels during his time as a volunteer. David was especially known for his mastery of all things technological.

We will miss David's willingness to go above and beyond the call of most volunteers. He never turned down a request for help, even going sleepless if necessary.

But most of all, we will miss seeing his kind face from time to time.



# Meet the New Staff

Camille  
McDaniel



CASH Oregon now has a staff of four thanks to the recent addition of new volunteer coordinator Camille McDaniel and AmeriCorps\*VISTA volunteer Paul Ziezulewicz.

Camille comes to us from Portland Community College. She brings a wealth of experience in volunteer management and a wonderful personality. We hope you have the opportunity to meet her soon as recruitment season kicks into gear.

background in the private sector will contribute many new ideas as he works to improve our organizational model.

We are happy to report one final staff change at this time of expansion. Our outgoing VISTA, Thomas Kost, will stay on board as the Financial Advocacy Program Manager.

You can reach any of the new staff in the office Monday through Friday.

Paul  
Ziezulewicz



Camille and Paul both joined our office within one week of each other at the end of August. We are excited about the new energy and the quick expansion as CASH continues to grow since its inception three years ago.

Paul arrived as our new VISTA specializing in community development. Like our last two VISTAs, he hails from the state of Minnesota. Paul's solid

# Financial Advocacy Successes

CASH recently completed the pilot session of our Financial Advocacy Initiative aimed at providing free financial counseling for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

The results are in and we would like to share with you the first-year successes. Five people participated in the six-month long

program and all reported making large strides toward achieving their goals. One participant secured a substantial housing grant and is now settled in as a first-time homeowner. Another participant opened her first savings account in years and credits CASH with turning around her

poor spending habits.

We are proud of all the progress our participants made with us. In the time before our next session, we will be working to identify new services and methods that can bring our program to a larger number of people in the community.

**Volunteer!**  
Call our office or  
visit our website  
[CASHOregon.org](http://CASHOregon.org)



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CASH Oregon is a community based non-profit organization formed to improve the financial health of working individuals and families. We promote federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, provide free tax preparation in partnership with AARP Tax-Aide, and we are piloting a financial advocacy and education program.

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**Camille McDaniel, Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Thomas Kost, Financial Advocacy**  
**Paul Ziezulewicz, AmeriCorps\*VISTA**

**AARP TAX-AIDE**  
**Gwen Williams, State Director**  
**Bill Ensign, District Coordinator**  
**Tom Fisher, District Coordinator**

# AARP Contacts

AARP District Coordinators Tom Fisher and Bill Ensign have been hard at work meeting site needs and planning for the upcoming tax season.

In addition, Tom and Bill continue to recruit volunteers for the Tax-Aide Foundation. If you would like to contact them about becoming a volunteer, please call 503.232.0098 for Tom or 503.645.6587 for Bill.