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## Free Tax Center Dedicated to Valued Employee

*State and Local Officials Honor Rick Dilley*

Today, state and local officials honored Richard "Rick" Dilley for his many years of dedicated service to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The center located in the Villager Mall on Park Street - Madison will now be named the *Richard Dilley Tax Center*.

Dilley was a Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) employee who passed away in May 2011 due to a motorcycle accident. He began the VITA program at the Park Street site in 2002, which prepares income tax returns for low to moderate income residents, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities for free.

In the first year of operation, the site helped prepare about 1,500 tax returns for people in the community. That number has averaged between 3,000-4,000 returns in the past several years.

The Richard Dilley Tax Center opens January 25, 2012. Taxpayers can receive free tax help on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The individuals who help prepare your tax return at the VITA site are trained volunteers.

The Richard Dilley Tax Center VITA site at 2300 South Park Street is a partnership among the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Dane County UW-Extension Financial Education Center, City of Madison, United Way Dane County, and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Below are comments from the partners involved:

### **Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Richard Chandler**

"Rick was not only a valued colleague, he was a friend and advocate for thousands of people in our community. He was instrumental in establishing the VITA site in Madison, and he helped countless others across the state. It's an honor to recognize Rick for his years of service and commitment to the VITA program, our community and the people of Wisconsin."

### **Dane County Executive Joe Parisi**

"It's an honor to recognize Rick for his service to our community. His service and dedication to our community will be evident for many years to come."

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**City of Madison Mayor Paul Soglin**

"Richard Dilley epitomized the volunteer spirit that we all should embody," said Madison Mayor Paul Soglin. "The fact that he was talented and able to use those talents to help others prepare their taxes has improved the lives of thousands. I am pleased that his legacy will live on through the Richard Dilley Tax Center."

**Paul Swanson of AARP Foundation Tax-Aide**

"Rick Dilley was very dedicated to the volunteer income programs in Wisconsin, both the VITA program and the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. He was not only the guiding light behind the site at The Villager Mall, but was also a valued resource for all the sites in Wisconsin. His enthusiasm, commitment and knowledge will be very difficult to replace."

**Dane County UW Extension Financial Education Center Administrator Deb Neubauer**

"Rick was extremely dedicated to the VITA project and worked tirelessly to make it a success. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to be his partner in this great initiative and am thrilled that we can carry on this tradition in his honor."

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