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KYCC and Five Koreatown Banks Celebrate Free Income Tax Prep Program

LOS ANGELES (May 15, 2013) – KYCC will honor partners and volunteers from the Koreatown Tax Collaborative, which include the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, BBCN Bank, Commonwealth Bank, Hanmi Bank, Pacific City Bank and Wilshire State Bank, for their outstanding contributions during the 2013 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program season.

"The Koreatown Tax Collaborative is an innovative approach in which private, public and non-profit sectors effectively joined hands to bring a much-needed service to Koreatown," commented Johng Ho Song, Executive Director of Koreatown Youth & Community Center. "The success of this year's VITA program would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of all of our volunteers. We are honored to be part of this ever-growing collaborative, and will continue our efforts to increase participation of more partners next year."

Over 100 volunteers from KYCC and its five bank partners completed nearly 3,500 tax returns and brought \$3.8 million in refunds, surpassing all expectations. KYCC is proud to award its most distinguished volunteers, who contributed over 3,600 hours of volunteer service, making this free service possible.

KYCC was established in 1975 for recently immigrated, at-risk youth. Since then, it has grown enormously, with children and family services, economic development, environmental, childcare, and affordable housing units. The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community. Today, KYCC serves over 11,000 people each year, mostly first-generation immigrants from Latin America and Asia.

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