



CAAFA

Community Alliance Against Family Abuse

Empowering individuals, families and communities affected by

Dear Friends of CAAFA,

Together we can make a difference. During this season of thanksgiving and joy, you have an opportunity to give a gift to women, children and families in need right here in Arizona. And, **you may be eligible to be fully reimbursed.**

Through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Program for the Working Poor, state tax payers can support CAAFA's programs and be eligible for an Arizona State tax credit. This is a **100% tax credit**, not just a tax deduction.

For example, if you owe the State of Arizona \$500 in taxes, and you give \$200 filing as an individual (up to \$400 filing jointly) **payable to CAAFA** before December 31st, 2009 and qualify for this Tax Credit Program, your tax obligation would be reduced by the amount you donated (\$300 filing as an individual and \$100 filing jointly). Additionally, you can deduct your donation from your federal tax return resulting in a credit for more than your original donation. Please see the enclosed informational form and consult your tax professional for further details.

Your contribution will help CAAFA provide hope and safety to women, children and families at this special time of the year. Your gift will be used to support our CAAFA programs including our emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal advocacy and prevention program.

CAAFA is committed to helping those children and families which are hurting in our community. The recent economic crisis has created a great deal of turmoil for the average American family. Unfortunately, during this time of uncertainty the incidences of domestic abuse continue to increase. **Today, more than ever, your help is needed to continue to bring safety and comfort into the lives of those we serve.**

Our love and best wishes to you and your family,

Courtney Langer
Executive Director



Arizona Working Poor Tax Credit Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Arizona State Working Poor Tax Credit?

This is a special tax credit, not a tax deduction, available to residents of Arizona who contribute to qualifying charitable organizations in a given year.

What is the difference between a tax credit and tax deduction?

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax obligation or the amount due in taxes. In the case of the Arizona State Working Poor Tax Credit, the reduction is from the state income taxes you owe.

Is the Arizona State Working Poor Tax Credit available to businesses, or just individuals?

The Arizona State Working Poor Tax Credit is designed for individual taxpayers.

What is the amount of the tax credit I can receive?

Arizona residents can receive up to \$200 per year in state tax credit if they file as an individual or up to \$400 per year in state tax credits if they file jointly. The tax credit is only available to qualifying charitable organizations.

How do I know if a charity qualifies?

Contributions to CAAFA do qualify for the Arizona State Working Poor Tax Credit. A complete list of qualifying nonprofits can be found at the following website:

<http://www.azdor.gov/TAXCREDITS/CHARITABLETAXCREDIT.aspx>

Can I get credit for donations to more than one qualifying organization?

You can only receive a total of \$200 per individual or \$400 per household, if filing jointly, for all nonprofit organizations qualifying under the Working Poor Tax Credit.

If I give to my children's or grandchildren's school, can I also receive this tax credit?

Yes! The tax provision for contributions to public schools and to private school scholarships are separate from the Working Poor Tax Credit. So, you can receive up to \$200 per individual or \$400 per household filing jointly for contributions to a public school plus up to \$200 per individual or \$400 per household filing jointly for the Working Poor Tax Credit.

Is there a special form for documentations I will need?

In order to qualify for this tax credit, you will need to make a donation to a qualifying charity within a given tax year AND will need to itemize your charitable contributions. The State of Arizona has a special form that you will complete and attach with your state tax returns: Form #321 "Credit for Contributions to Charities That Provided Assistance to the Working Poor." You will also need a receipt from a qualifying nonprofit that documents your contribution. Upon receipt of your contribution, CAAFA will mail you this receipt.

Where can I find more information?

More information on the Arizona State Working Poor is available through your tax advisor or through the State of Arizona Department of Revenue at 602.255.3381 or at:

<http://www.azdor.gov/TAXCREDITS/CHARITABLETAXCREDIT.aspx>