

## ***Control How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent!***

**T**axpayers filing in Arizona have the unique opportunity to actually redirect a portion of the state tax dollars they already pay to organizations that provide help to the working poor - *all at no additional financial cost to themselves!*

This tax code allows for donations to qualifying organizations be returned to the taxpayer *not as a deduction but as a tax credit!*

***The Maximum amount of this credit is \$200 for single taxpayers or heads of household. For married taxpayers, the maximum credit is \$400.***

**Note:** A credit is possible only if you have an Arizona tax **obligation and if the credit claimed is less than your Arizona tax obligation. If the credit claimed is more than your current year Arizona tax obligation, the unused credit may be carried forward up to 5 years.**

## Hope Women's Center

*Hope Women's Center has served vulnerable women and teen girls in Apache Junction and the surrounding communities for over 25 years. Thousands of women, teens and their families have been touched by this dynamic ministry.*

*In the last 2 years Hope Women's Center provided free services and care in over 6,000 client visits for education classes, crisis mentoring, pregnancy tests, material help for food, clothing and baby items, housing referrals, medical referrals and for women fleeing domestic violence.*



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## Arizona Charitable Tax Credit



**Available to anyone who  
itemizes on their State return**

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## How It Works

**A**rizona law provides a credit for cash contributions made to certain charities that provide help to the working poor. The amount of this credit is \$200 for single taxpayers or heads of household. For married taxpayers, the maximum credit is \$400.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity to direct your tax dollars you must:

- ◆ Give \$400 (\$200 if single/head of household) to a qualifying 501 (c)(3) organization of your choice
- ◆ Ensure the organization has your name, address & telephone number for a written receipt of your gift for tax records
- ◆ Itemize your charitable contribution on your Arizona return and claim the credit



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** What is the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction?

**A.** A tax credit is applied as a reduction to your tax bill. In this case, the credit comes off the top of your state tax bill, lowering the amount of money that you must pay.

**Q.** Is this the same as the School Tax Credit?

**A.** This is a similar credit as the School Tax Credit. Taxpayers are able to take advantage of both opportunities.

**Q.** Do I qualify for the credit if my employer withheld taxes during the year?

**A.** The credit reduces your Arizona tax liability even if your employer withheld taxes during the year. You would receive a refund equal to what your employer withheld less your tax liability after it is reduced by the allowable credit, i.e. your refund could be up to \$400 higher (\$200 single/head of household).

**Q.** Do I qualify for the credit if I do not owe taxes at year end?

**A.** The credit reduces your state tax liability independently from any tax that you may have withheld during the year. If you withheld an amount equal to or greater than your tax liability, the credit will increase your state tax refund.

**Q.** Do I qualify?

**A.** You must itemize charitable contributions on your state tax return.

**Q.** What happens if I don't owe taxes at the end of the year?

**A.** The working poor tax credit reduces your overall state tax liability and is not impacted by your tax withholdings during the course of the year. If you withheld more than what you owed, the credit will result in an increase in your state tax refund. If you have no Arizona tax liability for the current year, you may carry the tax credit forward for up to five (5) years.

**Q.** How do I file for the credit?

**A.** There is a simple form (AZ Form 321) that is included with your state tax filing that you or your accountant will complete. The State of Arizona provides one to all tax filers.

**Q. Now what do I do?**

**A.** Complete your check and mail it to: Hope Women's Center

P.O. Box 3447  
Apache Junction, AZ

A tax credit receipt will be mailed to you.