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VITA PROGRAM SITES OPEN JANUARY 26

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for Household Incomes of \$55,000 or Less

HIGH POINT, N.C. (January 15, 2019) – The High Point VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program is offering free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers to income-eligible individuals and families with 2018 household incomes of \$55,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers are trained to recognize when a taxpayer qualifies for refund-boosting tax credits, and VITA makes a special effort to help eligible taxpayers claim these helpful credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), among others.

VITA offers electronic filing for returns and direct deposit for any tax refund. Tax preparation is available on a first-come, first-served basis six days a week at seven local sites from January 26 to April 15. VITA hours may vary, as sites may close earlier than the posted time if we have reached our capacity for the day:

- Macedonia Family Resource Center, 401 Lake Avenue, Opens January 28, Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- YWCA of High Point, 155 W. Westwood Avenue, Opens January 29, Tuesdays 4 – 7 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – noon
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 121 SW Cloverleaf Place, Opens January 29, Thursdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. by appointment. Call 336.883.3041 to schedule an appointment.
- West End Community Center, 903 English Road, Opens February 1, Fridays 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Community and Neighborhood Development Center, Opens January 26, 201 Fourth Street, Saturdays 2 – 5 p.m.
- GTCC High Point and Jamestown Campus, Call 336.334.4822 ext. 55060 to schedule an appointment.

On February 4, the High Point VITA Program is partnering with Woodforest National Bank to offer information on credit repair, budgeting and other tools to improve the financial stability of our citizens at the Macedonia Family Resource Center. VITA volunteers will also be on hand to help with tax preparation from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The local VITA Program is a partnership managed by the City of High Point and supported by the YWCA of High Point, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, West End Ministries, Macedonia Family Resource Center, Guilford Technical Community College, High Point University, the Arc of High Point and the United Way of Greater High Point.

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