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VITA PROGRAM SITES OPEN JANUARY 23

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

HIGH POINT, NC (January 12, 2017) – The High Point VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program is offering free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers to low-to-moderate income individuals and families with 2016 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 eliminates the need for lower income families to use paid tax preparers or incur expenses for “rapid refunds”. 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 six local sites from January 23 to April 18:

- Macedonia Family Resource Center, 401 Lake Avenue, Mondays and Wednesdays 4-7 p.m.
- YWCA of High Point, 112 Gatewood Avenue, Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 121 SW Cloverleaf Place, Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- West End Community Center, 903 English Road, Fridays 3-5:30 p.m.
- Community and Neighborhood Development Center, 201 Fourth Street, Saturdays 2-5 p.m.
- GTCC High Point Campus, 901 N. Main Street, by appointment. Call 336.334.4822 ext. 55060 to schedule an appointment.

The deadline to file 2016 tax returns is April 18, and certain VITA Program sites will be open on that day. To locate a VITA site in other parts of the Triad, call 1.800.906.9887 or go to <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> and enter your zip code.

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

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