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**VITA PROGRAM SITES OPEN JANUARY 22**

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

**HIGH POINT, N.C. (January 8, 2018)** – 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 2017 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.

This year, the VITA season in High Point will include a kick-off event on Saturday, January 27 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Community and Neighborhood Development Center at 201 Fourth Street. This event, coinciding with EITC Awareness Day, will feature door prizes, neighborhood resources and helpful information for tax season. The free tax return preparation for eligible families and individuals will begin at 2:00 p.m.

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 22 to April 17:

- Macedonia Family Resource Center, 401 Lake Avenue, Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- YWCA of High Point, 155 W. Westwood Avenue, Tuesdays 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 121 SW Cloverleaf Place, Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (drop off only)
- West End Community Center, 903 English Road, Fridays 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Community and Neighborhood Development Center, 201 Fourth Street, Saturdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- GTCC High Point and Jamestown Campus, Call 336.334.4822 ext. 55060 to schedule an appointment.

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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*The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit [www.highpointnc.gov](http://www.highpointnc.gov).*

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