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United Way Offers Free Tax Preparation Services

Evansville, IN - United Way's VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program will offer free tax preparation and e-filing services to individuals and families who had an annual household income at or below \$56,000 in 2019. VITA volunteer tax preparers are certified by the IRS to ensure that clients receive all eligible Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits. In addition, clients save money by not having to pay fees associated with tax preparation.

Through the VITA free tax prep program, United Way helps hard-working individuals and families in our community take advantage of their tax dollars and reinvest their returns back into Southwestern Indiana. Last year, 1,060 tax returns were filed through United Way's VITA program, generating over \$1.4 million in state and federal refunds. Many clients used their tax refunds to pay bills, add to their savings accounts, purchase homes, and make home or car repairs.

The VITA program depends heavily on a group of local volunteers who donate their time during tax season. Last year, 45 volunteers donated 1,505 hours of service with the VITA program.

Five VITA free tax prep sites will be open this tax season from 1/27/20 – 4/15/20:

Walk-In Locations (No appointment necessary):

- **WorkOne** – Tuesday & Thursday evenings; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
700 E. Walnut Street, Evansville
- **United Way SWI** – Wednesday evenings; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
Innovation Pointe, 318 Main Street, Evansville
Media Suite on 1st Floor
- **TRI-CAP** – Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. / Thursday evenings, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
499 W. State Road 62, Boonville

By Appointment Only:

Legal Aid Society – Monday afternoons
Evansville Civic Center Complex, Room 105
Call 812.435.5173 to schedule an appointment

Drop-Off Service:

Clients can drop off all required tax documents, and within 10-14 days, they can return to review and pick up their completed tax return.

- **United Way SWI** – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
318 Main Street, Suite 504, Evansville
- **Christian Resource Center** – Monday & Friday, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.
499 Jefferson Street, Rockport

Special Saturday Dates (No appointment necessary):

- **C.K. Newsome Community Center** – February 8, 2020 and February 22, 2020; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
100 Walnut Street, Evansville
- **Crossroads Christian Church** – March 14, 2020; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
10800 Lincoln Avenue, Newburgh

For a complete list of documents required for tax preparation and detailed information about United Way's VITA program, visit unitedwayswi.org/vita or call 812.422.4100.

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About United Way of Southwestern Indiana

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every individual in our community. The 501(c) 3 organization serves at the center of a network of partner agencies and programs that address immediate issues facing thousands of local people in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties. To learn more about United Way's work in the community, please visit unitedwayswi.org.