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United Way Offers Free Tax Preparation Services

United Way's VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program offers free tax preparation and e-filing services to individuals and families who had an annual household income at or below \$54,000 in 2018. 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 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, 925 tax returns were filed through United Way's VITA program, generating \$1,536,487 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, 55 volunteers donated 1,320 hours of service with the VITA program.

Four VITA sites will be open this tax season from 1/28/19 – 4/15/19:

Walk-In Locations:

- **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.)
501 NW 4th Street, Evansville
- **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:

New this year - clients can drop off all required tax documents at the United Way SWI office Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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.