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VITA Sites Offering Free Tax Preparation until April 15

Huntington, WV - Thru April 15, 2010, individuals who qualify can have their taxes and or extensions prepared free of charge at United Way's Financial Stability Partnership's VITA sites.

Persons between the ages of 25 and 65 may qualify for EITC if they made less than \$48,279 in 2009. The EITC can be as much as \$5,657. Individuals may qualify for both the EITC and the Child Tax Credit, but they must file for tax credits to receive the money. Eligible filers can claim EITC for three years back.

The Financial Stability Partnership™ of the River Cities, an initiative of United Way of the River Cities, brings together community organizations and volunteers from five counties to offer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs (VITA). These IRS certified community volunteers help qualifying taxpayers with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly for free! The sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refund in ½ the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if refunds are deposited directly into the taxpayer's bank account.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to families generally earning \$49,000 and below. You may qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on your 2009 tax return if:

- You earned under \$43,279 and have three or more qualifying children(\$48,279 if married filing jointly)
- You earned under \$40,295 and have two qualifying children (\$45,295 if married filing jointly)
- You earned under \$35,463 and have one qualifying child (\$40,463 if married filing jointly)
- You earned under \$13,440 and have no qualifying child (\$18,440 if married filing jointly)

For a list of all VITA Site locations, service dates and times, call the VITA Info Hotline at 304-781-1033

Site locations: Weed & Seed Program, Marshall University, Southwest Community Action Council of Wayne Co., Southwest Community Action Council of Mason Co., Southwest Community Action Council of Lincoln Co., Southwest Community Action Council of Cabell Co.

Attached: Full Listing of Tax Preparation Sites, Dates and Times.

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2010 VITA Site Service Dates and Time

For up to date information call (304) 781-1033

If your total household income is below \$49,000 you are eligible for free tax preparation and you may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$5,600 even if you don't owe taxes. When you come to one of our VITA sites **MUST** bring a picture ID, a social security card for you, your spouse and all dependents, all W2's, 1099 forms and any other tax information you have received. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

CABELL COUNTY

Weed & Seed at Barnett Center

1524 10th Avenue, Huntington

Starting February 11th, Open Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT ONLY SITE - For appointments call (304) 523-8929 Extension 6.

Tulana Garrett, Site Coordinator

Marshall University

Corbly Hall, Room 436

Open every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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Jessica Johnson, Site Coordinator

Southwest Community Action Council Cabell Co.

298 East Main Street, Milton

Open Mon-Fri, 8:00- 4:00

APPOINTMENT ONLY SITE - For appointments call (304) 390-0087.

Ruby Secret, Site Coordinator

WAYNE COUNTY

Southwest Community Action Council Wayne

Co. Located in the Steeptown Multi Purpose

Center/ Senior Citizen's Center

US Route 152, Steeptown, WV 25674

Will be open Mon-Fri, 8:00- 4:00

APPOINTMENT ONLY SITE - For appointments call (304) 390-0087.

Reece Napier, Site Coordinator

LINCOLN COUNTY

Southwest Community Action Council Lincoln Co.

13 Ely Fork Road, Sumerco, WV 25567

Open every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT ONLY SITE - For appointments call (304) 756-2732

Christy Kinder, Site Coordinator

MASON COUNTY

Southwest Community Action Council Mason Co.

700 22nd Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Open every Tuesday, 8:00- 4:00

APPOINTMENT ONLY SITE - For appointments call (304) 674-8055.

Tara Sargent, Site Coordinator