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VITA Volunteers Needed for Tax Season

Pensacola, FL – United Way of West Florida (UWWF) is seeking Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers to help with this coming tax season.

VITA volunteers assist residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties making low to moderate incomes, helping them file their taxes for free. Last year VITA volunteers saved residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties over \$100,000 in tax preparation fees and helped secure \$1,088,000 in tax refunds.

This service is provided 100% free through the work of volunteers. There are three ways to serve: as a Client Greeter, a Tax Preparer, or an MFT Tax Assistant. No previous experience is necessary, and all volunteers will all receive IRS certification and training.

Benefits of becoming a volunteer

- Learn a new skill that will serve you for a lifetime
- Receive IRS certification as a volunteer tax preparer
- Resume Builder
- Flexible volunteer hours
- Tax sites located in the community where needed
- Reward yourself by giving back to the community

Learn more or sign up by visiting uwwf.org/vita. Contact UWWF's Financial Stability Manager at mike.eveland@uwwf.org for more information or questions.

United Way of West Florida's VITA Program is supported by the University of West Florida, Goodwill Gulf Coast, Florida Blue, the IRS, and Pensacola State College.

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About UWWF: *United Way of West Florida is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that unifies nonprofit agencies, organizations, businesses - and people - to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. With a vision of a community united to create better opportunities for all, United Way of West Florida's mission is to Unite our community and leverage resources to improve lives. For more information, visit uwwf.org.*