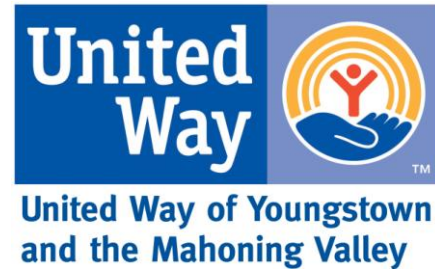


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Help Mahoning County Residents Get the Money They've Earned

Two IRS-sponsored programs offer individuals and families the chance to get their income taxes done FOR FREE! Beginning in February 2011, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Sites (VITA) and Tax Counseling for Seniors (TCE) programs will be available at a number of convenient locations throughout the county.

Last year, more than 2,600 residents took advantage of the opportunity to get their taxes done for free, which resulted in more than \$2.5 million returned to taxpayers in refunds.

To serve all the working individuals and families who want the service, we need you to volunteer to be an IRS- trained volunteer. No prior experience in preparing taxes is required - you do not need to be an accountant or a financial wiz to volunteer. VITA & TCE offer flexible volunteer hours with opportunities available on weekdays, weeknights, and weekends. All you need is a desire to help families on the road to financial stability.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? Come see what it's all about at one of the following Community Orientation sessions – no pressure, just information to help you decide!

October 20, 2010 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ellsworth Fire Department, 6036 South Salem Warren Road, North Jackson, OH 44451 or November 13, 2010 from 10 am – 12 noon at Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership, 101 Federal Plaza East, Suite 200, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

Please register for one of the orientation sessions by calling HandsOn Volunteer Network at 330.782.5877 or e-mail them at info@HOVN.org.

If this opportunity is the right one for you and you are ready now to become a VITA/TCE Volunteer you will receive FREE professional training on how to complete tax returns and on all the software programs used. All volunteers will be provided at no cost with the necessary training materials. Training is available either on-line or at one of the following dates and times:

November 18th and 20th, 2010 during evening hours at a location in central Mahoning County.

The weeks of Jan 10, 2011 and Jan 17, 2011 at Western Reserve United Methodist Church, 4580 Canfield Road, Canfield, OH 44406-9349. Classes begin at 9:00 am and end at or before 3:00pm. The first week of class is devoted to tax law and treatment of specific tax issues ranging from ordinary income to deductions to capital gains. The second week (usually only 3-4 days) is devoted to using the IRS-supplied software and ensuring that all are familiar with it....and ancillary equipment like printers.

January 2011 at Youngstown State University. Classes are held three Saturdays in January at the new Williamson College of Business from 9 – 4 each Saturday.

To register for any of these training sessions, please call HandsOn Volunteer Network at 330.782.5877 or email info@HOVN.org and send your full name, address, phone and an email address you'd like to use for correspondence

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