

## Volunteer Your Time as a Tax Preparer!

Looking for an opportunity where you can learn a new skill? Consider volunteering your time as a Tax Preparer! Receive all the necessary training and certification from the IRS and then help provide a much needed service to families and seniors in our Valley! VITA volunteers provide free tax return preparation to eligible taxpayers - low-to-moderate income families and senior citizens to assist them not only with tax preparation at a substantial savings from commercial preparers and the high cost of "refund anticipation loans," but to help these taxpayers find additional deductions and tax credits and bring the additional dollars back to the Mahoning Valley to further stimulate local economy. Last year, volunteers were responsible for bringing \$2.6 million back to families in need in the Mahoning Valley! Worried that you don't have the "head for numbers" to serve as a tax preparer? Don't be! Our certified instructors will provide you with all the materials needed, as well as teach you about tax preparation, tax law and the software used to prepare taxes. Volunteers are also needed to serve as greeters at several sites around the community, and individuals who are fluent in Spanish are needed to serve as interpreters! Want to learn more? Attend one of the Open House/Orientation sessions:

- Thursday October 29, 2009, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Boardman Library
- Saturday November 7, 2009, from 10:00 am - noon at MYCAP, Downtown Youngstown.

Here you'll have an opportunity to learn more about the program, and the benefits your efforts will provide to the community. In addition to being able to have all your questions answered, participants will also have the opportunity to see what goes into the the tax preparation role and prepare a sample tax! Ready to sign up? Then mark you calendars for the training dates for the 2009 filing season:

- January 9, 2010 from 9 am - 4 pm at YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration
- January 23, 2010 from 10 am - 4 pm at YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration
- January 30, 2010 from 10 am - 2 pm at YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration

OR

- January 11 - 22 (Mon-Fri) from 9 am - 3 pm at Western Reserve United Methodist Church

For more information, or to reserve a space for trainings or orientation, call HOVN at 330.782.5877.