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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **VITA Free Tax Prep Available on Super Saturday**

**March 30, 2018**

(Youngstown, OH) - The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley teams up with key partners to provide free income tax preparation assistance through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program). Low to moderate income individuals and families as well as seniors can qualify for the services made available by both the IRS's VITA and Tax Counseling for Seniors (TCE). The program kicks off with the first "Super Saturday" event on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at these partner sites:

- Youngstown State University Williamson College of Business Administration, 10am-3pm (Appointments Required)

The Mahoning County Financial Stability Partnership is hosting a Financial Fair as a part of the "Super Saturday" event at YSU. More than 10 partners from the Financial Stability Partnership will be vendors at this event to provide financial education and support to all individuals in attendance. Short seminars will also be offered to clients being served as they wait to have their taxes prepared. The goal of this event is to assist each family in making responsible fiscal decisions with not only their tax return money but for their financial future.

VITA offers free assistance to taxpayers, including but not limited to persons with disabilities, students, and older taxpayers who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic Form 1040 Federal tax return. VITA volunteers also alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible. Taxpayers who visit a VITA site should bring wage and earnings statements (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Forms 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses. Taxpayers with complex returns may need to see an accountant.

Working individuals and families also may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). IRS estimates that 20 percent of eligible taxpayers do not claim the credit, which could put as much as \$5,372 into the pockets of a family with two children. Some individuals and families may qualify for the credit for the first time because of unemployment or other changes in their financial, marital or parental status during the past year. The EITC is a valuable but complex tax break. VITA volunteers can help determine if taxpayers qualify for the EITC.

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Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) is another IRS-sponsored, free income tax service available to our community. Both VITA and TCE volunteers complete a rigorous IRS training course in basic income tax return preparation before they can assist taxpayers. Last year, more than 3,000 individuals and families in Mahoning County took advantage of the free tax sites resulting in more than \$3 million dollars in refunds and fee savings – money that stayed in the hands of those who need it most. For the past eight years, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley has offered support to the VITA program that has allowed for additional volunteers and sites throughout Mahoning County. Site locations include MYCAP, YWCA, Oakhill Collaborative, Zion Lutheran Church , Austintown Senior Center, Boardman Library, Poland Library, Tri-Lakes Library, Park Vista Senior Center and Taft Elementary School.

**### PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LIST OF SITES. ###**

To make an appointment or for more information please call:  
**330-540-1947 or email [vita@ccregional.org](mailto:vita@ccregional.org)**  
(except Salem Memorial Building. See listing below)

**Austintown Senior Center**

100 Westchester Dr., Austintown, OH 44515  
Wednesday 9 a.m.- 1p.m.

**Boardman Library**

7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, OH 44512  
Tues. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Campbell Elementary and Middle School**

2002 Community Circle, Campbell, OH 44405  
Tues. & Thurs., 4:30 - 9 p.m., Feb. 4 - Apr. 7

**Poland Library**

311 S. Main St., Poland, OH 44514

**Sebring Library**

195 W. Ohio Ave., Sebring, OH 44672  
Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Feb. 3- Apr. 7

**Tri-Lakes Library**

13820 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson, OH 44451  
Mon., 2-4 p.m., & Wed., 1:30-5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 5-April 11

**Taft Neighborhood**

730 E. Avondale, Youngstown, OH 44503  
Every other Mon., 4 - 6 p.m., Feb. 12 - Apr. 9

**Park Vista Senior Center**

1110 Fifth Ave., Youngstown  
(330)744-5071

**Salem Memorial Building**

785 State St., Salem, OH  
For appointment: 330-332-5512

**Oak Hill Collaborative**

507 Oak Hill Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502  
Th., 4 - 6 p.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church**

3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown, OH 44511  
Th., 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Youngstown State University Williamson College of Business**

**Walk-ins**

221 N. Hazel St., Youngstown, OH 44503

**MYCAP**

1325 Fifth Ave. Youngstown, OH 44504

Wed., 4 - 6 p.m., Feb. 7 - Apr. 11

**OCCHA**

3660 Shirley Rd. Youngstown, OH 44502

Saturday, February 17, 12 - 4 p.m.

**Compass Family/ Community Service**

535 Marmion Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502

Fri., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Feb. 9 - Apr. 13

**Youngstown Community School - FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY**

50 Essex St., Youngstown, OH 44502

Mon., 4 - 6 p.m., Feb. 12 - Apr. 9

**YWCA of Youngstown**

25 W. Rayen Ave. Youngstown, OH 44503

Wed., 6 - 8:30 p.m. & Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Feb.3 - Apr. 14

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