

TAKE ACTION AS A **VITA** VOLUNTEER

Join us this tax season as a **United Way VITA** volunteer and help families in our region get the tax credits and refunds they've earned. By offering **in-person** or **virtual** tax preparation services at no cost, we're helping families get on a path toward financial security.

WHAT IS VITA?

- VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and is a volunteer-supported program that helps people, with household incomes of up to \$58,000 annually, prepare and electronically file their federal and state tax returns at no cost

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Commit to just one, four-hour long shift per week from mid-January through mid-April 2022
- Have a willingness to help people in the community
- No prior experience required
- Spanish-speaking/ bi-lingual volunteers needed

WHAT WILL I DO AT MY TAX SITE AS A VOLUNTEER?

- Prepare and electronically file income tax returns
- Greet filers or manage appointment schedules
- Help filers learn about ways to save and stretch their refunds
- Act as a translator for volunteers and filers
- Work with one household per hour on average



LAST YEAR,
THANKS TO THE
HELP OF COMMITTED
VOLUNTEERS, TAXPAYERS
IN OUR REGION RECEIVED
MORE THAN
\$24.5 MILLION
IN REFUNDS AND
CREDITS

SIGN UP AT
volunteer.unitedwayinc.org

RECRUITMENT OPEN NOW THROUGH JAN. 31, 2022
FREE trainings (virtual and in-person) in
November 2021-January 2022).

In-Person Volunteers: Full Vaccination REQUIRED

Still have questions? Please contact
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WORRIED THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

Never fear - volunteer as a Tax Preparer, Intake Specialist, or Financial Wellness Promoter for as little as 3-4 hours per week for just 12 weeks, beginning in mid-January

CONCERNED THAT THERE WON'T BE A TIME OR PLACE THAT WILL WORK WITH YOUR SCHEDULE?

Shifts are available evenings, weekends or during the day, 7 days a week. HRA has 15 locations in Bristol, Farmington, Meriden, New Britain, Plymouth, Southington, Vernon, Wallingford. Our four major hubs are Bristol, New Britain, Meriden, Wallingford.

WORRIED THAT YOU ARE NOT A "TAX PERSON"?

We have you covered - the tax software is an online application, much like TurboTax, and we provide all of the tax law and software training you need for FREE (training would begin in December through early January)

DON'T WANT TO GO TO A PHYSICAL SITE, BUT STILL WANT TO HELP?

No worries - Virtual VITA is available, allowing you to prepare tax returns remotely

WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT WANT TO HAVE IMPACT IN REAL TIME WITH REAL PEOPLE?

Done - give back to the communities where you live, work and/or worship. With just 132 volunteers last season (we worked with a smaller crew due to COVID), we served more than 6,000 filers and brought back more than \$15 million in refunds and credits to Greater Hartford residents. These are dollars that are reinvested in our local economies

WANT SKILLS BASED VOLUNTEERING THAT USES THE TALENTS AND/OR INTERESTS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO YOU?

This is it – build, or perhaps expand existing skills that will help the community and can also help you with your own taxes. Plus, you will receive IRS certification (we re-certify annually)

VOLUNTEER KEY DATES:

Registration:

Now through January 31, 2022

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Training:

Mid-November through January 31, 2022

Certification:

Mid-November through January 15, 2022

VITA Sites Open:

January 24, 2022 (this is the earliest date for sites to open; not all sites will open on this date)

HRA sites open up on January 18th

NOTE: These dates are approximate. To ensure the best placement of volunteers, we request you complete the registration, training and certification as soon as you can.



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