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United Way VITA Tax Site Helping Residents Claim Tax Credits

The United Way has partnered with the IRS to open and promote Volunteer Tax Assistance Sites in Indian River County. These sites provide FREE tax preparation for low and moderate income workers (anyone who makes under \$49,000).

The United Way believes that by promoting this program and encouraging low and moderate income tax filers to claim every tax credit they deserve we can put more money back into the hands of hard working Indian River County residents.

And the statistics prove that it is making a difference. From the time the United Way site opened in January to March 13th (the last time we ran the numbers), we were able to help 144 residents claim \$233,290 from the IRS. With 50 of those claiming the Earned Income Credit and another 38 claiming the Child Tax Credit. By promoting these tax credits United Way volunteers can say that they helped bring over \$142,417 extra dollars into the hands of hard working Indian River County families.

“Community-based outreach efforts are the best way for eligible workers to learn about the credits and how to claim them,” states the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.