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## United Way Seeks Volunteers to Assist in Free Tax Preparation

*Vero Beach, FL, November 10, 2017* - United Way of Indian River County is seeking volunteers to prepare tax returns for low- to middle-income individuals and families through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

VITA volunteers do more than just prepare people's taxes. They play a critical role in ensuring that low-income workers access valuable tax credits without paying any fees.

Benefits of becoming a VITA volunteer include; free IRS training and materials to help you develop a lifelong skill and build your resume; a variety of locations in Vero Beach, Sebastian, Wabasso and Fellsmere; dates and times convenient to your schedule; ongoing support; Continuing Education Credits for eligible volunteers; a Certificate of Recognition and Letter of Appreciation from the IRS at the end of the tax season; and the personal satisfaction you'll gain from providing an important service to your community.

Volunteers of all backgrounds are welcome. We especially need Spanish/English bilingual assistance. Retirees, students and individuals with experience in finance are encouraged to participate. The tax software guides you every step of the way and volunteers are protected under the Volunteer Protection Act.

Volunteers can start training on-line in November and in-class training in Indian River County will be held in January. Certification will be attained on-line. Certified volunteers will be required to commit to at least one half-day per week from mid-January through April, 2018. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, please contact Eve Ballance, (772) 567-8900 ext. 120.

For more information about United Way or to give online, visit the website at [UnitedWayIRC.org](http://UnitedWayIRC.org). United Way of Indian River County invites people to get involved by helping others. Go to [VolunteerIndianRiverCounty.org](http://VolunteerIndianRiverCounty.org) to learn about local opportunities for service.

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