

## The (Free) Taxman Cometh: United Way Kicks Off No-Fee Tax Service

### *Richmond/Petersburg-area households earning under \$54,000 are eligible for MetroCASH*

**Richmond, Va. (Jan. 24, 2018)** – Tax season has returned, and so has the free tax-preparation service sponsored by United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg.

United Way’s MetroCASH program, which provides free tax-preparation and financial guidance to families earning \$54,000 or less, kicks off its seasonal operations on January 29 with 15 locations across Richmond, Hanover County, Henrico County, Chesterfield County, Charles City, Goochland County and Petersburg.

Staffed by IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who can help taxpayers complete and electronically file their federal and state returns, MetroCASH also provides financial advice that helps taxpayers with ways to save, financial best practices and plans for achieving financial independence. It also helps eligible taxpayers take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a tax-saving benefit for those with low to moderate income.

“Our MetroCASH program has been making positive, tangible differences in people’s lives for the past 15 years,” said James Taylor, CEO of the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg. “By helping families in need save money—particularly through the EITC—United Way helps lift people out of poverty, giving them the resources to spend on health, education and other life-changing investments.”

In 2017, local MetroCASH volunteers helped more than 3,100 households with tax preparation. A total of \$800,000 in EITC funds was distributed by the IRS to families who took advantage of the service.

The 15 MetroCASH locations are open at different times and days in order to accommodate a variety of schedules.

To celebrate the launch of the MetroCASH program, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg will hold a “Taxathon” on February 3 from 10 a.m.-X at its offices located at 2001 Maywill St., Suite 201.

For more information, visit [www.yourunitedway.org/metrocash](http://www.yourunitedway.org/metrocash). Here is a list of MetroCASH locations with their hours of operation:

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Site Name	Address	Operating Dates	Days	Times	Notes
<b>Charles City County</b>					
Charles City Commissioner of the Revenue	10780 Courthouse Road, Room 103 Charles City, VA 23030	March 7 – April 12	Monday – Friday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Charles City residents only; By appointment only: (804)652-2162
<b>Chesterfield County</b>					
Chesterfield at Meadowdale Library	4301 Meadowdale Blvd North Chesterfield, VA 23234	February 6 – April 10	<b>Tuesday</b> (2/6, 2/13, 3/6, 3/13, 3/27, 4/3 & 4/10) <b>Wednesday</b> (2/21 & 3/21) or <b>Thursday</b> (3/1)	12:00-6:00 p.m.	

<b>Goochland</b>					
Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services	2999 River Road West Goochland, VA 23063	February 7 – April 10	Wednesday & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month	<b>Tuesday</b> – 4:00-7:00 p.m. (2/13, 3/13 & 4/10) <b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m.	Goochland residents only; By appointment only: (804)556- 6260
<b>Hanover County</b>					
Hanover Department of Social Services	12304 Washington Highway Ashland, VA 23005	February 6 – April 10	Tuesday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	
<b>Henrico County</b>					
Fairfield Library	1001 N. Laburnum Avenue Henrico, VA 23223	February 3 – March 10	Saturday	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	
Libbie Mill Library	2100 Libbie Lake East Street Richmond, VA 23230	January 31 – April 12	Wednesday & Thursday	4:00-8:00 p.m.	
<b>Richmond City</b>					
Blackwell Community Center	300 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, VA 23224	January 29 – April 4	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Closed when Richmond City Schools close
CAPUP Richmond	1103 Oliver Hill Way Richmond, VA 23219	January 29 – April 9	Monday, Friday & Saturday	<b>Monday</b> – 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. <b>Friday</b> – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Closed on 3/3/18, 3/30/18 and 3/31/18
Neighborhood Resource Center	1519 Williamsburg Road Richmond, VA 23231	February 3 – April 3	Tuesday & Saturday	<b>Tuesday</b> – 6:30-8:30 p.m. (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20 & 4/3) <b>Saturday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	

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Richmond Department of Social Services at Southside Plaza	4100 Hull Street Richmond, VA 23224	February 6 – April 4	Tuesday & Wednesday	2:00-6:00 p.m.	
Sacred Heart Center (Southside Building)	1420 McDonough Street Richmond, VA 23224	February 3 – April 14	Saturday	11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Spanish Speaking location
University of Richmond (Downtown campus)	626 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219	February 6 – April 17	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b> – 3:45-7:00 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> – 9:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 4/7 & 4/14)	Closed 3/13/18 & 3/15/18
Virginia Commonwealth University (School of Business Building)	301 West Main Street Richmond, VA 23284	March 17 – April 14	Saturday	9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Foreign Student/International Only OR Self-Prep
<b>Petersburg City</b>					
Pathways (Petersburg)	1200 W. Washington Street Petersburg, VA 23803	February 1 – April 10	Thursday	3:00-8:00 p.m.	By appointment only: (804) 862-1104 ext. 340
Peoples Advantage Federal Credit Union (Petersburg)	110 Wagner Road, Petersburg, VA 23805	February 7 – April 4	Wednesday	4:00-7:00 p.m. (2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21 & 4/4)	By appointment only: (804)748-3081