

It's (Free) Tax Time: United Way Begins Annual Tax Preparation Service
Richmond and Petersburg-area households earning under \$55,000 are eligible for United Way's free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

Richmond, Va. (Jan. 25, 2019) – United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg will offer free tax preparation for households with incomes below \$55,000 when tax season kicks off next week.

United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provides free tax preparation and financial guidance to families and individuals earning \$55,000 or less, begins its seasonal operations on January 29 with 15 locations across Richmond, Hanover County, Henrico County, Chesterfield County, Charles City, Goochland County and Petersburg.

United Way's team of IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers will assist taxpayers with completing and electronically filing their federal and state returns. United Way also uses the program to provide 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 tax assistance program promotes financial stability and well-being, one of United Way's nine *Steps to Success*,” said James Taylor, President & CEO of United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg. “For more than 15 years, we've been able to help low-to moderate-income families save money through their tax refund by taking advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit. By working with United Way, clients are able to receive their full refund without paying fees for tax preparations services and refund anticipation loans.”

In 2018, local United Way volunteers helped more than 3,400 households with tax preparation. A total of \$837,573 in EITC funds was distributed by the IRS to families who took advantage of the service.

The 15 United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance partner locations across Greater Richmond and Petersburg are open at different times and days in order to accommodate a variety of schedules. Find more information at <https://www.yourunitedway.org/tax/>. *A list of sites with operating times is provided below.*

Online Tax Prep Also Available

United Way's MyFreeTaxes.com services provides another convenient tax preparation method for people with household incomes of \$66,000 or less in 2018. The program is a free, safe and easy way for individuals and families to file taxes online.

MyFreeTaxes.com manages both federal and state returns and is powered by H&R Block.

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Site Name	Address	Operating Dates	Days	Times	No
Charles City County					
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.	Ch on By (80
Chesterfield County					
Chesterfield at Meadowdale Library	4301 Meadowdale Blvd North Chesterfield, VA 23234	February 5 – April 9	Tuesday	12:00-5:00 p.m.	
Goochland					
Goochland Cares	2999 River Road West Goochland, VA 23063	February 6 – April 10	Wednesday & 2 nd Tuesday of each month	Tuesday – 4:00-7:00 p.m. (2/12, 3/12 & 4/9) Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m.	Go on By (80
Hanover County					
Hanover Department of Social Services	12304 Washington Highway Ashland, VA 23005	February 5 – April 9	Tuesday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	
Henrico County					
Fairfield Library	1001 N. Laburnum Avenue Henrico, VA 23223	February 2 – March 9	Saturday	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	
Libbie Mill Library	2100 Libbie Lake East Street Richmond, VA 23230	February 6 – April 11	Wednesday & Thursday	4:00-8:00 p.m.	
Petersburg					
Peoples Advantage Federal Credit Union	110 Wagner Road, Petersburg, VA 23805	February 4 – April 15	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	DROP OFF SERVICE Monday & Tuesday – 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. APPOINTMENTS Tuesday: 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Ca ap
Richmond City					
Blackwell Community Center	300 East 15 th Street Richmond, VA 23224	January 28– April 3	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Cl Cit

CAPUP Richmond	1103 Oliver Hill Way Richmond, VA 23219	February 1 – April 12	Monday, Friday & Saturday (1 st & 3 rd of each month only)	Monday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
HumanKind	908 North Thompson Street, 1 st Floor Richmond, VA 23230	February 14 – April 11	Thursday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	Dr ap 46
Neighborhood Resource Center	1519 Williamsburg Road Richmond, VA 23231	February 2 – April 2	Tuesday & Saturday	Tuesday – 6:30-8:30 p.m. (2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19 & 4/2) Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/16 & 3/30)	
Richmond Department of Social Services at Southside Plaza	4100 Hull Street Richmond, VA 23224	February 5 – April 3	Tuesday & Wednesday	2:00-6:00 p.m.	
Sacred Heart Center	1400 Perry Street Richmond, VA 23224	February 11 – April 15	Monday & Wednesday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Sp
University of Richmond (Downtown campus)	626 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219	February 5 – April 11	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday	Tuesday and Thursday – 3:45-7:00 p.m. Saturday – 8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (2/9, 2/23, 3/2, 3/23 & 4/6)	Cl
Virginia Commonwealth University (School of Business Building)	301 West Main Street Richmond, VA 23284	March 17 – April 13	Saturday	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	For Stu On

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About United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg empowers individuals and addresses systemic problems to provide everyone with a clear path to success. We do this by conducting research, funding programs and organizations, driving systems-level change and engaging with individuals in 11 localities across the region. Learn more at YourUnitedWay.org.