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### **UNITED WAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES**

United Way is gearing up to provide free tax preparation to low-income families at more than 30 local sites through the Regional Earned Income Tax Credit Collaborative (EITC) initiative. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of capacities.

No previous experience is necessary. Volunteers will be trained and certified in IRS tax preparation, while helping families by saving them from preparation fees and high interest rate refund anticipation loans. A family may qualify for up to \$5,666 in earned income credit while avoiding high fees.

Work schedules are flexible and volunteers can also participate as screeners/greeters or as translators instead of tax preparers. There are over 30 different tax prep sites in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana with hours available during the day, at night or on weekends during tax season, January 31 to April 15, 2010.

EITC is the nation's largest anti-poverty program, benefitting families. Last year, more than 15,758 tax returns were filed locally, generating more than \$18.6 million in refunds. Orientations are brief, lasting about one hour. Volunteers are welcome to attend orientation without registering, but for those interested in registering visit [makeworkplay.com](http://makeworkplay.com)

Volunteer orientations are scheduled for:

#### **Hamilton/Clermont County:**

- Tuesday, November 9, 5-6 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH
- Tuesday, November 16, 12-1 p.m. at the College of Mount St. Joseph (Corona Room), 5701 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH
- Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Elder High School, 4005 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, OH

To register or learn more contact Ben Schuerman at (513) 362-2779 or [bschuerman@lascinti.org](mailto:bschuerman@lascinti.org)

#### **Butler County:**

- Wednesday, November 3, 6-7 p.m. at Workforce One of Butler County (Fairfield Crossing), 4631 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH
- Tuesday, November 9, 6-7 p.m. at Workforce One of Butler County (Fairfield Crossing), 4631 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH

To register or learn more contact Kate Nolan at (513) 362-2860 or [knolan@lascinti.org](mailto:knolan@lascinti.org)

#### **Northern Kentucky:**

- Wednesday, November 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Center of Great Neighborhoods, 1650 Russell St., Covington, KY
- Wednesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Center of Great Neighborhoods, 1650 Russell St., Covington, KY

To register or learn more contact Peg Baldock at (859) 547-5531 or [peg@greatneighborhoods.org](mailto:peg@greatneighborhoods.org)

For more information on the Regional Earned Income Tax Credit Collaborative and initiative visit [www.makeworkpay.com](http://www.makeworkpay.com).