

VITA (VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VITA Lowcountry, in partnership with United Way of the Lowcountry and Beaufort County Human Services Alliance and part of *Together for Beaufort County*, is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming tax season. Last year, volunteer tax preparers helped working families and individuals in Beaufort and Jasper Counties (8 sites) with their income taxes and filed almost 1,500 FREE federal tax returns, bringing \$2.2 million dollars back into taxpayers' households. Our goal this year is to file 1,600 returns throughout the two counties.

IRS-certified training will be held in October and November for interested volunteers. Trainings will take place at Grace Coastal Church on Highway 170. We will place trained volunteers at sites which are convenient for them and work with their schedules. Volunteer tax preparers usually give VITA 4 hours of tax preparation per week once tax season begins.

Sites this year will be at the following (3 new ones added):

Beaufort Library

Lobeco Library

Franciscan Center – St. Helena Island

Piggly Wiggly (new – Boundary Street)

SCB&T (new – Boundary Street)

CBC National Bank (new – Port Royal)

Bluffton Library

Goodwill/Bluffton

USCB/Bluffton

United Way/Ridgeland

Hilton Head Recreation Center

Anyone interested in being a VITA volunteer, please contact Judy Almand, VITA Director, at vitalowcountry@yahoo.com for training information and any questions.