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Free Tax Preparation Program Still in Full Swing

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) of the Lowcountry will continue to offer its free tax preparation program until April 15. The program, which is intended to aid low-to-moderate income individuals and families, has completed more than 1,000 tax returns at its various sites around the Lowcountry, since commencing annual operations earlier this year. VITA has multiple locations throughout the area and is operating an extensive weekly schedule which, while subject to change, is currently as follows:

Mondays

Beaufort Branch Library, 311 Scott Street, Beaufort, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bluffton Branch Library, 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saint Helena Branch Library, 6355 Jonathan Francis Senior Road, Saint Helena, 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Beaufort Branch Library, 311 Scott Street, Beaufort, 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Goodwill Industries, 509 Island West Park, Bluffton, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hilton Head Island (HHI) Recreation Center, 20 Wilborn Road, HHI, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fridays

Colleton County Memorial Library, 600 Hampton Street, Walterboro, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. YMCA, 1801 Richmond Avenue, Port Royal, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Saturdays

Lobeco Branch Library, 1862 Trask Parkway, Lobeco, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. USC-Beaufort, Gateway Campus, 1 University Boulevard, Bluffton, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mark Schneider, VITA Program Coordinator said, "Our VITA program sites are open on a rotating schedule, which should provide a convenient time and place for qualifying taxpayers to access our services. The lines and waiting times are shorter than earlier in the tax season, so now is a great time to use our services."

Visit <u>www.vitalowcountry.org</u> for more information about the program.

