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Free Income Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) of the Lowcountry, a program of Together for Beaufort County, will offer free income tax preparation services to assist low to moderate income taxpayers beginning February 2, 2015. Last year, this effort helped to return more than $4 million dollars to local taxpayers.

The program will be offered at multiple sites throughout the area on a rotating schedule to help accommodate those wishing to utilize this service. The tentative daily schedule and list of sites can be viewed at www.vitalowcountry.org. Qualifying taxpayers can also visit www.myfreetaxes.com to prepare their income taxes independently for free.

Those seeking services at a program site should bring with them the following items:

- A complete copy of last year's federal and state tax returns
- All 2014 tax informational statements, including but not limited to:
    - Wage Statements – Form(s) W-2
    - Interest and Dividend Statements – Form(s) 1099INT and 1099DIV
    - Brokerage Statements
    - Pension and Social Security Statements – Form(s) 1099R and SSA – 1099
- Information on deductions and credits:
    - Tuition Payment Statements – Form(s) 1098T
    - Property and automobile tax payment information and receipts
    - Mortgage Interest Statements – Form(s) 1098
    - Medical and dental expenses information, including insurance payments
    - Charitable donations information
- Healthcare Marketplace or employer(s) statements about health insurance coverage
- Copy of Social Security Card(s) for all persons covered by the tax return
- Valid photo identification card

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