## Beaufort County, South Carolina General Announcement

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## Free Federal and State Income Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers Until April 18

The IRS, in collaboration with <u>United Way of the Lowcountry, Inc.</u>, the <u>Beaufort County</u> <u>Human Services Alliance</u>, and other partner organizations, once again will provide free basic income tax return preparation and electronic filing to qualified taxpayers with the assistance of IRS-certified volunteers. The <u>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)</u> program offers free tax help to persons generally earning \$54,000 or less, differently abled persons, persons 60 and older, and limited English speaking persons who need assistance preparing their tax returns. The Lowcountry Area <u>VITA</u> Coalition will be offering services through April 18 at multiple locations across Beaufort County.

Taxpayers planning to prepare their own tax returns are invited to attend a Lunch and Learn on March 21 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bluffton Self Help's Education and Resource Center at <u>39 Sheridan Park Circle</u>. Lunch will be provided.

The <u>VITA</u> program is always seeking volunteers. The primary roles are Tax Preparer and Greeter. The IRS provides thorough training for all volunteers. The commitment is as few as three hours or as many as 20 hours or more per week. One-on-one mentoring is also available. To volunteer or obtain more information, visit www.vitalowcountry.org or call 843-321-9071.

Free online tax preparation is also available at <u>www.myfreetaxes.com</u>.

La información en español está disponible aquí.

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