

Make a Difference in Your Community - Volunteer with VITA!



If you **really** want to make a difference in the fight against poverty, join us by being a volunteer tax preparer or screener.

The goal is to help 4,000 families receive refunds that will be reinvested in the Greater New Haven area. To do that, we need 100 volunteers.

Can you donate your time to help those who struggle to put food on the table get the tax credits they qualify for?

The VITA Program offers free tax preparation for individuals and families earning less than \$50,000 a year. A low-income family that qualifies for the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit could receive over \$7,000 from filing their return.

For all VITA volunteers, a minimum commitment of 4 hours per week is requested during the tax season, in addition to *12-16 hours of classroom or online training* for Tax Preparers.

All volunteers should have good communication skills and be comfortable working with diverse populations.

Bilingual volunteers (e.g., Spanish, Haitian Creole, Polish, Portuguese) are in high demand.

Benefits of Volunteering with VITA:

- Gain personal satisfaction from providing an important service to your community!
- Develop lifelong skills and build your resume with **free IRS training** and materials.
- Choose from a variety of volunteer locations, dates and times that are **convenient to your schedule**.
- Rest assured that all volunteers are protected under the Volunteer Protection Act, which means no liability for volunteers.

Volunteer Tax Preparers work one-on-one with clients to prepare accurate tax forms. Basic computer skills are necessary, as tax returns are completed online using a computer.

Volunteer Screeners ensure that clients have completed all of the paperwork and information necessary to complete their tax returns.

Any volunteer helping with paperwork will be required to complete training.

To learn more, visit uwgnh.org or contact (203) 691-4206 or email VITA@uwgnh.org