



WHAT IS VITA?

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

United Way of West Florida's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides tax preparation assistance to families in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties with low to moderate income. Thanks to VITA volunteers, this service is 100% free to those qualified for income tax preparation assistance. **Last year, local taxpayers saved over \$200,000 in filing fees and secured almost \$850,000 in refunds.**

VITA services are a free, reliable, and trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. This training includes maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all taxpayer information. In addition to requiring volunteers to certify their knowledge of the tax laws, the IRS requires a quality review check for every return prepared at a VITA site prior to filing. Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA volunteers prepare millions of returns across the country. They also assist taxpayers with the preparation of thousands of Facilitated Self-Assistance returns.

Learn about UWWF's VITA program by visiting uwwf.org/taxhelp or reaching out to our Financial Stability Manager Mike Eveland at mike.eveland@uwwf.org.



DID YOU KNOW? 2024 VITA VOLUNTEERS*			
	1000+ volunteer hours logged, including training time	796 tax returns filed by VITA volunteers for FREE!	\$200,000+ in tax preparation fees saved for tax payers

*UWWF VITA volunteers for the 23-24 tax season