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Pikes Peak United Way to Host a VITA-THON this Saturday, April 1

Walk-ins Provided Free Tax Preparation Services at the Family Success Center

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Pikes Peak United Way is pleased to offer additional Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) availability to individuals and families in the Pikes Peak Region with a one-day-only VITA-THON on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Family Success Center, 1520 Verde Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. This five-hour special event is offered in addition to the existing VITA services Pikes Peak United Way provides to the community during tax season. Parking is free, and walk-in appointments are available.

VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation for individuals and families earning a household income of less than \$60,000. Last year, Pikes Peak United Way VITA volunteers filed almost 1,900 returns through the VITA program, returns which funneled nearly \$2M into the local economy. This year, the nonprofit aims to complete 3,000 tax filings. On average, refunds processed through VITA are returned in just 10-14 days, eliminating the need for the high fees associated with many instant refund programs.

“As family budgets stretch, and tax codes change, it’s important to provide this service to our community,” said Cindy Aubrey, Pikes Peak United Way President and CEO. **“As we get closer to Tax Day, we saw a need for a walk-in weekend event where we could process applications on a larger scale.”**

VITA services are typically offered in person and are available to the public by appointment only. Appointments are available now through April 18, 2023. Pikes Peak United Way VITA sites provide a variety of daytime, evening, and weekend appointments. Appointments can be made by dialing 2-1-1 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

In addition to the VITA-THON held at the Family Success Center, locations for by-appointment-only services are listed below:

Southeast: Centennial Elementary School: 1860 S Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Downtown: Pikes Peak United Way: 518 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

North: Monument Woodmoor Barn: 1691 Woodmoor Dr, Monument, CO 80132

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About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited