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## **Tax Prep Volunteers Needed for Pikes Peak United Way**

*Training Session Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28 10 a.m.-noon*

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** — Every year, Pikes Peak United Way provides free income tax preparation services to people and households who make less than \$60,000 a year in the Pikes Peak region.

To make it possible, United Way is seeking volunteers to be trained in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. To learn more about volunteering and training, United Way is holding a VITA Symposium from 10 a.m.- noon on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Family Success Center, 1520 Verde Drive.

Volunteers do not need previous tax preparation experience to participate in the program. All volunteers will be certified by the IRS before the VITA season starts on January 29. There will be training and support as needed for the IRS certification.

There will be multiple tax preparation sites, days, and hours available for volunteering, tailored to meet volunteers' schedules. The VITA program hopes to file 2,000 tax returns for community members this year.

"VITA volunteers are crucial to this program," said Cindy Aubrey, CEO of Pikes Peak United Way. "Their impact goes beyond a tax return; it is often a lifeline for families in need, as well as providing huge economic benefit back to our community."

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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