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Make an appointment for FREE Tax Filing Assistance through VITA *Appointments Now Available Through Pikes Peak United Way*

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Pikes Peak United Way is again providing Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) services to individuals and families in the Pikes Peak region. Appointments open today for the assistance and will be granted on a first-come basis until the end of the tax season.

VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation for individuals and families earning a household income of less than \$60,000. The goal is to file 2,500 tax returns this year. Previous year's efforts funneled nearly \$2 million into the local economy.

Pikes Peak United Way operates several VITA locations across Colorado Springs during tax season. In addition, there are several one-day, pop-up spots throughout El Paso County. 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. February is traditionally the busiest month for the VITA program, and Pikes Peak United Way is still looking for additional volunteers to help file the returns.

“As family budgets stretch, and tax codes change, it’s important that we provide a service with knowledgeable and trained volunteers,” said Cindy Aubrey, Pikes Peak United Way president and CEO. **“We have a big need in our community for this kind of support, and we’re thankful we are able to help residents with their taxes.”**

VITA services are offered in person and are available to the public by appointment only. Appointments are available starting Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, and will run through Monday, April 15, 2024. Pikes Peak United Way VITA sites offer a variety of daytime, evening, and weekend appointments. Appointments can be made by dialing 2-1-1 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. In addition, there will be popup locations – one day only – in Peyton and Calhan. Call 2-1-1 for more information.

Locations for services:

- Family Success Center, 1520 Verde Drive, Southeast Colorado Springs
- The Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument
- Cottonwood Center, 427 E. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs
- YMCA 1st and Main, 3035 New Center Point, Colorado Springs



- Penrose Library's The Hall - 20 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs (behind the main library)
- East Library - 5550 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs
- Pikes Peak United Way
- 518 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs

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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