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Free tax preparation for working families

TOLEDO, Ohio – United Way of Greater Toledo is again teaming up with Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz and Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak to offer **free tax preparation** for working families and individuals.

One of the main goals of this service is to help low-to-middle income working families claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which brings millions of federal tax refund dollars back into the pockets of Lucas County residents. Those who qualify for the program could be eligible to receive a federal tax credit of up to \$5,751.

“This is a tremendous service we’re able to offer to Lucas County residents,” said Kapszukiewicz. “We strongly encourage people to schedule an appointment for free with our certified tax preparers, rather than giving up a significant portion of your hard-earned tax return to an expensive tax prep agency.”

“Through this valuable program nearly 1,800 families received free tax preparation in 2011,” Wozniak added. “Not only are we helping residents eliminate the unnecessary expense of a tax preparer, we’re also helping them find valuable tax credits.”

People who want to know if they are eligible for the EITC credit or want to schedule a free tax preparation appointment are urged to dial 2-1-1. Appointments are already being scheduled. Tax preparation is performed by IRS-trained and certified volunteers by appointment at sites around Lucas County.

If you have your taxes prepared elsewhere and are a low-to-middle income level family, be sure to ask if you are eligible for the EITC. Visit www.unitedwaytoledo.org/taxprep for more information.

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