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UNITED WAY OF THE FLORIDA KEYS OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION

Florida Keys – United Way of the Florida Keys is offering 2 FREE tax preparation options for families with limited incomes who live in Monroe County. The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is designed to assist qualified taxpayers with completion of their annual tax returns and to ensure that limited income families receive every available benefit. Qualification is based on a household income of less than \$54,000 in 2017. UWFK is pleased to offer the VITA program through a grant from Volunteer Florida.

The volunteer tax preparers are IRS-certified and prepared to complete simple tax returns, including identifying available credits. There is absolutely *no charge* to the taxpayer for this service.

Please call Ann at 305-281-8555 to make an appointment. Spanish translation may be available if requested when scheduling the appointment. Questions about the VITA program itself can be addressed to Loretta Geotis at vita@keysunitedway.org or 305-797-1704.

Bring Photo ID, Social Security cards, ITINs for all members of your household (no copies), along with all W2s, 1099s, Social Security income, interest statements, unemployment benefit statements, healthcare documentation, your previous year's return if you have it, and any other tax documentation.

The tax preparation is offered at the following locations:

Islamorada Library – 81830 Overseas Highway, Tuesdays, 10 am – 2 pm

Jan 30 Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10

Key West Gato Building – 1100 Simonton St, Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm

Jan 31 Feb 7, 21, 28 Mar 7, 21, 28 April 4

Marathon Library – 3251 Overseas Highway, Thursdays, 1:30 – 5 pm

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12

Center for Independent Living, 103400 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, Wednesdays, 10 am – 1 pm

Feb 14 Mar 14

In addition, United Way partners with industry leader H&R Block to help people easily and accurately file both their federal and state taxes through MyFreeTaxes™. Taxpayers earning less than \$66,000 can enter their data through MyFreeTaxes.com, which links to a secure H&R Block website, making it easy to complete their taxes for free from home, at work or on mobile devices, in less than an hour.

“Tax season is a source of confusion and stress for most Americans,” said Leah Stockton, CEO of United Way of the Florida Keys. “Many are worried they’ll make a mistake, won’t get their full refund or will pay too much. With MyFreeTaxes or VITA, filers can get support from IRS-certified specialists and cut down the time it takes to complete their returns.”

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About United Way of the Florida Keys:

United Way of the Florida Keys is an independent, local 501(c)(3) organization that has been supporting the Keys community for more than 30 years. UWFK supports strong working families and funds nonprofits that provide critical services to Keys residents. Money raised in the Keys stays in the Keys.

United Way also plays a unique role in convening businesses, nonprofits and government to work together to address community needs. For more information, visit our website: www.keysunitedway.org or call (305) 735-1929. **Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.**

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