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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES WITH TAX PREPARATION**

HARRISBURG – (September 25, 2017) – Volunteers are needed to offer free tax preparation to help working families receive the federal and state tax credits they are eligible for. No previous experience is required and training is provided.

In tax year 2016, 230 volunteers provided free income tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families as part of the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) campaign, a community collaboration of organizations committed to the economic stability of local families. Nationally the effort is known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, or VITA. Volunteers filed 4,389 tax returns, resulting in more than \$4.7 million returned to local families. The average annual income for clients receiving tax preparation services was \$21,000 and the average return was \$1,379.

The Money in Your Pocket campaign received financial support from the PNC Foundation and the U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service.

"The Money in Your Pocket campaign supports personal financial growth and wellbeing by allowing individuals and families to better utilize their hard earned dollars," said Adrienne Squillace, assistant vice president, PNC Community Development Banking. PNC is proud to continue supporting free tax preparation services that help strengthen the financial stability of low- and moderate-income households."

Volunteers will offer tax preparation services at designated sites in the Capital Region from January 30 through April 15, 2018 during day and evening hours. All volunteers will be trained to prepare computerized, electronic returns.

Informational sessions will be held at the following locations for those interested in finding out more about the program:

- Tuesday, October 3, 6-8 p.m., Tri County Community Action, 1514 Derry Street, Harrisburg
- Monday, October 16, 6-8 p.m., New Hope Ministries, 5228 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg
- Tuesday, October 31, noon -1 p.m., Belco Community Credit Union, 449 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg
- Monday, November 6, 6-8 p.m., Widener Law Commonwealth, Classroom & Law Library Building, Computer Lab, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg
- Friday, November 24, 6:30-8 p.m., Employment Skills Center, 29 S. Hanover Street, Carlisle

For information on volunteering, contact LaTasha Frye at [lfrye@uwcr.org](mailto:lfrye@uwcr.org) or call 717.724.4068.

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