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Free Tax Help Sponsored by Iowa Workforce Development

MASON CITY - The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs offers free tax assistance and is sponsored by The Internal Revenue Service in partnership with The Institute for Social and Economic Development and Iowa State University Extension.

Are you puzzled by the tax law and which credits and deductions you still can take? Free tax help is available through the VITA/TCE Programs sponsored by The Iowa Workforce Development Partnership in Mason City, Iowa.

Help with basic income tax returns will be offered every Tuesday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM beginning February 5, 2008 thru April 15, 2008 by a trained and certified community Volunteer Tax Assistor.

VITA/TCE Programs offer free assistance to those with low-to-moderate incomes, including persons with disabilities, limited-English proficiency and older taxpayers who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or basic Form 1040 Federal tax returns. Our Volunteer Tax Assistors also assist community members in claiming any special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible.

Community members who visit a Volunteer Tax Site should bring this year's tax package, wage and earnings statement (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Form 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses. Volunteer Tax Assistors must complete an IRS training and certification course in basic income tax return preparations before they can assist customers.

If your annual family income is less than \$40,000.00, please contact Brenda Schmitt at (641) 423-0844 to setup an appointment with our VITA team member.

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