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United Way of Bradford County Expands Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Bradford County, PA — The United Way of Bradford County is proud to announce the expansion of its free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, making it more convenient for residents to access this critical service by bringing it to more remote areas of the county. Starting in February, new locations will be available in Canton, Sayre, Troy, Wyalusing, and Towanda to provide free tax preparation assistance to qualified individuals and families.

Newly added sites for 2025 include:

- **Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton**
- **The Enterprise Center, Sayre**
- **State Representative Clint Owlett's Office, Troy**
- **Wyalusing Public Library, Wyalusing**
- **United Way of Bradford County Office, Towanda** (Year-Round Drop-Off Location)

These new locations complement the program's returning sites, providing additional access and flexibility for the community. Returning locations include:

- **State Representative Tina Pickett's Office, Sayre**
- **Area Agency on Aging, Towanda**
- **Lackawanna College, Towanda**
- **River Valley Regional YMCA, Towanda** (Drop-Off Location)

The VITA program, led by IRS-certified volunteers, offers free tax preparation services for households earning \$72,000 or less, seniors, the disabled, limited English speakers, and Native Americans. The service ensures that eligible residents can maximize their refunds through tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC). Appointments are required at all locations. Scheduling begins in January.

"We are thrilled to expand our VITA program to better serve the residents of Bradford County," said Lissa Clayborn, Programs Director of United Way of Bradford County. "By adding new locations, we hope to make this key service even more accessible to individuals and families who need it most."

Volunteers are needed from February to mid-April at all sites. Clayborn states, "Without volunteers, we can't bring this necessary program to the community." If you are interested in volunteering, contact vita@unitedwaybradfordcounty.org or call 570-485-5485 for more information.

The United Way of Bradford County remains committed to ensuring that every individual and family in our community has access to the resources they need for financial stability. The expansion of the VITA program is a vital step toward achieving that goal.

For more information about the VITA program or to volunteer, please contact the United Way of Bradford County at 570-485-5485.

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