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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is Now Taking Appointments

LA PORTE COUNTY, IN— United Way of La Porte County offers a solution to filing your taxes for free.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers



provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

The IRS certified volunteers will prepare your taxes at no cost, or you can visit myfreetaxes.com to prepare your taxes yourself. Assistance is provided at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations.

The VITA program, within the last two years, has served over 1,700 people. The money that these individuals have saved in tax preparer expenses totals \$315,000.

We are fortunate enough to have two organizations to host our VITA program. 2023 tax sites include La Porte Salvation Army and the Michigan City Public Library, please see below for both location information. You must call to make an appointment at both locations, neither will accept walk-ins.

Salvation Army La Porte VITA site:

Location: 3240 Monroe St, La Porte, IN 46350 Phone: 219-326-5342 ext 2025; leave a message, you will get a call back Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Michigan City Library VITA site:

Location: 100 E 4th St, Michigan City, IN 46360 Phone: 219-873-3049; call to save your spot.

Thank you to both the La Porte Salvation Army and the Michigan City Public Library for being a part of this amazing program that our community is fortunate to have.

Please visit https://www.unitedwaylpc.org/vita to learn more about the VITA program and other ways to file your taxes for free.