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News Release

Tax Preparation Assistance Available at DSS

January 28, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Division of Social Services is now scheduling appointments to assist taxpayers with the filing of their federal and state income tax returns. The agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is in its 10th year providing free tax preparation to individuals with gross incomes of \$52,000 or less per year.

Beginning Feb. 3, taxpayers will be served by volunteers who are certified through the Internal Revenue Service and have had extensive training and testing to ensure a quality return is prepared and submitted. DSS electronically files each tax return, and income refunds are usually direct deposited in the taxpayer's banking institution within 7 -10 days.

Volunteers are accounting and finance majors with Wingate University, as well as community volunteers with accounting and finance backgrounds.

"This year we have 24 volunteers who will help to prepare taxes," said Gloria Haney, volunteer services coordinator for DSS. "We have 15 Wingate University accounting and finance students volunteering. Two of those students are working on their master's degree in accounting."

Appointment times are available each weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. However, there are days when appointments can be made as late as 6:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared at no cost, call 704-296-4312.

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