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## News Release

### Tax Preparation Assistance Still Being Offered at DSS

**February 26, 2014, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Division of Social Services is still 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 10<sup>th</sup> year providing free tax preparation to individuals with gross incomes of \$52,000 or less per year. So far this year, 380 people have had their taxes prepared with a total of \$547,648 in federal refunds and \$88,282 in state refunds.

Taxpayers are 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.

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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