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Pikes Peak United Way Opens Tax Filing Season Feb. 1

Appointments available starting Jan. 21

Colorado Springs, Co. — Starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, people can make appointments for Pikes Peak United Way’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to receive free help to file income taxes. Appointments are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and are available through the end of tax season.

VITA is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation for individuals and families earning household incomes of less than \$64,000. The goal is to file 2,500 tax returns in 2025. In recent years, VITA efforts provided refunds of more than \$4 million in state and local tax refunds.

Pikes Peak United Way operates several VITA locations across El Paso County during tax season. Tax services are offered in person and are available to the public by appointment only. Pikes Peak United Way offers a variety of daytime, evening, and weekend appointments. Call 2-1-1 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays to schedule appointments.

On average, refunds processed through VITA are returned in just 10-14 days, eliminating the need for high fees associated with many instant refund programs. February is traditionally the busiest month for the VITA programs, but spots will be available until April 15.

“This service is vital to so many hard-working individuals and families throughout Colorado,” said Cami Bremer, Pikes Peak United Way President and CEO. “As family budgets stretch to meet basic needs, support in navigating the complex tax code is a way we can support those who need it most. Our trained volunteers come alongside the



community, simplifying a complicated and inconvenient process in a way that works for them.”

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About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to help at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited