

**NEWSLETTER** 

## Prepare and File Your Tax Return for Free

#### **Dear MUW Supporters**,

It's tax season and this year's filing deadline, Tuesday, April 15, is a little over a month away. We know that filing a tax return can be a daunting and expensive task, and we can help. United Way provides <a href="MyFreeTaxes">MyFreeTaxes</a> in partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Low-moderate income filers can get the assistance they need to file their federal and state taxes – for free.



### **How My Free Taxes Works**

<u>Click here</u> to visit MyFreeTaxes.com to learn about the program and determine which of two filing options is best for you:

File My Own Taxes helps you self-file your return.
 This option is best for filers who make under \$84,000, have access to a phone, tablet, or computer, and are comfortable using tax



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- software. It usually takes about an hour and support from IRS-certified VITA support specialists is available via email, chat, or phone. Secure software guides you through the process to ensure you get your maximum refund.
- Have My Taxes Prepared for Me is available to filers making about \$67,000 or less who are not comfortable preparing their own taxes. Returns can be prepared online or in person, and take 1-2+ weeks to be processed.

#### **MUW's Focus on Financial Stability**

<u>Financial Stability</u> is one of MUW's three Areas of Focus (along with <u>Children</u> and <u>Education</u>). Our vision is for everyone in the Monadnock Region to have the financial resources they need to live healthy, happy, and productive lives.

Tax refunds and credits are essential to many people's financial stability and ability to keep up with the rising costs of housing, food, and many other necessities. Since 2009, more than 1.4 million taxpayers have used MyFreeTaxes to file their returns and claim every credit and deduction they deserve. They received more than \$1.9 billion in tax refunds, helping them and their families to build financial stability.

Please share this information with others. And if you use MyFreeTaxes, please tell us about your experience. We're eager to learn how this valuable resource is being used to support families and individuals in the Monadnock Region.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kossayda, Director of Marketing, Keene State College

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