

Free Tax Prep Generates Refunds for Local Families

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Spring brings a mix of welcome changes and less pleasant obligations. The good—melting snow, returning birds, and the first early blooms—is greeted with enthusiasm by just about everyone. The not-so-good, however—mud season, pollen, and the annual task of filing our taxes—are among the season’s less enjoyable traditions.

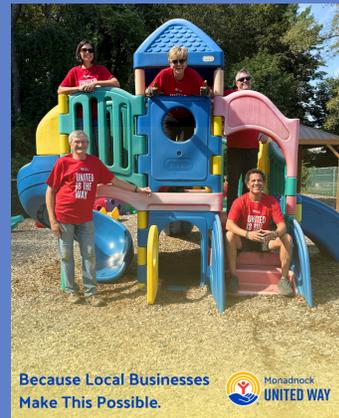
This year’s tax filing deadline, **Wednesday, April 15**, is approaching quickly. We want to be sure everyone knows about **United Way’s MyFreeTaxes**, provided in partnership with the IRS’s [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) program](#) to give low-moderate income filers the assistance needed to file their federal and state taxes – for free!

How MyFreeTaxes Works

Visit the [MyFreeTaxes.com](#) website to learn about the program and determine which of two filing options is best for you:

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

MyFreeTaxes is 100% free. There are no charges or fees associated with any of our tax filing options.



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Why United Way Provides MyFreeTaxes

MUW's three Areas of Focus are Children, Education, and Financial Stability, and our vision is for everyone in the Monadnock Region to have the financial resources they need to live healthy, happy, and productive lives. Since 2009, people have filed more than 1.5 million returns using MyFreeTaxes, which helped them claim every credit and deduction they deserved. They received more than \$2.1 billion in tax refunds, helping them to build Financial Stability. We urge everyone who qualifies to consider using MyFreeTaxes to maximize your refund—for free!

Sincerely,

Ashley Elliott, Board Chair, Rise for baby and family
Tom Julius, Board Chair, Monadnock Interfaith Project

P.S. 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. Email Lisa Barrett, lisa@muw.org, with your story!

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