



United Way of Anchorage

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**WHAT: Free Tax Prep Event**

Alaskans who haven't yet filed their federal income tax returns will want to make tracks to this free public event featuring:

- In-person, one-on-one free tax prep assistance and filing
- An ASL interpreter on site
- An online filing option for those who want to prepare and file their own taxes is available at [www.MyFreeTaxes.com](http://www.MyFreeTaxes.com), powered by H&R Block®. You can file for free if your household income was less than \$64,000 in 2016. Computers will be available and tax coaches will be on-site to provide assistance, if needed.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Crosspoint Community Church, 1920 W. Dimond Blvd. (next to JoAnn's)

**WHY:** The savings derived from using free tax prep services--including accessing valuable tax credits--and tax refunds are important boosts and help many in our community achieve greater financial stability.

For more information on free tax prep services, including site locations, dates, hours, and what to bring, visit [www.freetaxprepanc.org](http://www.freetaxprepanc.org) or call 2-1-1.

During the last tax season, 5,542 federal tax returns were filed for Anchorage residents at no charge to the taxpayer. With an average tax preparation fee running approximately \$200, this service saved Anchorage residents an estimated \$1,090,400 dollars in tax prep fees and delivered an estimated \$6 million in refunds back to Anchorage families and our local economy.

Free tax preparation is part of United Way of Anchorage's Earn it. Keep it. Save it. initiative. The services are made possible by a collaboration among United Way of Anchorage, the Internal Revenue Service, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), the National Disability Institute, the faith-based community, individual volunteers, nonprofits and government

**About United Way of Anchorage**

United Way of Anchorage mobilizes people and resources to make lasting, measurable changes in our community to Improve lives. Our priorities are successful, prepared kids; strong, financially stable families; access to medical care for all; and a community making healthy lifestyle choices. United Way invites you to join the movement. [www.liveunitedanc.org](http://www.liveunitedanc.org)

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