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Free Tax Prep Services and Family Fun at Super Saturday Event *United Way Collaboration Kicks off new tax season*

Anchorage, AK – Free Tax Preparation Services kicks off another season with a Super Saturday event at the Northeast Community Center on Muldoon Road on January 28th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Super Saturday combines free tax preparation services with opportunities to learn about financial resources in the community. There will be an activity table for kids, snacks and door prizes. The event is free and open to the public.

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.

“For many people in our community, paying for a tax preparer is not an option,” said Maureen Haggblom, Income Impact Director, United Way of Anchorage. “The money saved in service fees coupled with the volunteer preparer’s expertise to ensure refund dollars are maximized make for an important boost for people working to improve their financial stability. For some of our most vulnerable residents it can even mean another month of staying warm, housed and fed.”

Look for more free tax preparation special events on February 4 and 11, April 8 and 18. In addition, thanks to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide who provides the majority of the program’s volunteer tax preparers, free, walk-in tax prep help is available at 10 sites across the community through April.

An online option is also available for those who want to prepare and file their own taxes for free at www.MyFreeTaxes.com. There is a \$64,000 income cap to qualify for the online option. Taxpayers enter their data through MyFreeTaxes.com, which links to a secure H&R Block website, making it easy to complete their taxes from home, at work, on mobile devices or at self-assisted computer-access sites available in Anchorage.

Tax site locations, schedules and information, including a list of what to bring, can be found at www.FreeTaxPrepANC.com or by calling 2-1-1.

The Northeast Community Center is located at 1251 Muldoon Road. Tax prep slots are first come, first served and fill up quickly.

Free Tap 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 service providers.

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

About AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, an AARP Foundation program, helps low-to-moderate-income taxpayers have more discretionary income for everyday essentials, such as food and housing, by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Through a cadre of trained volunteers, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has helped low-to-moderate-income individuals for more than 40 years in every state and the District of Columbia. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in cooperation with the IRS.

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