



United Way of Anchorage

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## **Free Tax Prep Services and Family Fun Make for a SUPER SATURDAY** *United Way Collaboration Kicks off new tax season*

Anchorage AK – Get your taxes done for free and keep more of what you earned at Super Saturday on January 27th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center, 1251 Muldoon Road.

Along with free tax preparation, Super Saturday offers opportunities to learn about local financial resources, an activity table for kids, snacks and door prizes. The event is free and open to the public – tax prep slots are first come, first served.

“Paying for a tax preparer is just not an option for everyone”, said Maureen Haggblom, Income Impact Director, United Way of Anchorage. “With free tax prep the service fee is saved and refund dollars are maximized – including the Earned Income Tax Credit -- thanks to the expertise of our volunteer tax preparers. For our most vulnerable families, it can mean another month of staying warm, housed and fed.”

Can't make it on Saturday? Don't worry. Thanks in large part to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers, free tax prep is available on a walk-in basis at 10 sites across the community through April. Call 2-1-1 for dates and locations.

There's even a free tax prep online option at [www.MyFreeTaxes.com](http://www.MyFreeTaxes.com) for those who earned \$66,000 or less and want to prepare and file their own taxes. 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.

Last tax season, 5,313 Anchorage residents took advantage of free tax prep, saving an estimated \$1,062,600 dollars in service fees. Nearly \$7 Million in refunds came back to working families in our community.

Upcoming special events, free tax prep site locations, schedules and information, including a list of what to bring, can be found at [www.FreeTaxPrepANC.com](http://www.FreeTaxPrepANC.com) or by calling 2-1-1.

United Way of Anchorage fights for the financial stability of every person in our community. Over 30 partners are engaged with us to help people deal with their taxes; deal with their money; and access resources through our Earn It. Keep It. Save It. initiative.

### **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)

### **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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