

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (297 word count)

Post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles for people to consider a rewarding volunteer experience.

Take the step to become a tax volunteer — a chance to touch many lives

Have you ever thought about volunteering to help people with their tax returns? With more than 12,000 volunteer tax help sites nationwide, you can affect lives as a volunteer. Volunteering in either the [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly \(TCE\) program](#) can be rewarding while serving a vital role in your local community.

The VITA and TCE programs generally offer free tax help to people with low-to-moderate income who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. This includes people with disabilities. Many sites also assist those for whom English is a second language. The organizations that administer these programs are always looking for volunteers during the tax filing season.

Volunteering can be exciting, educational and enjoyable. As a volunteer, you'll get to interact directly with people who need help preparing their own tax returns at no cost to them. Don't know that much about taxes? Don't worry — you'll get specialized training from IRS-certified volunteers. You can also choose your volunteer duty. Not all duties require tax knowledge. They include being a greeter, quality reviewer, return preparer, interpreter, site coordinator and more. The hours are flexible, the training is free, and the time commitment is minimal.

Taxpayers rely on volunteers for free tax return preparation and assistance each year. Last year, more than 93,000 volunteers at thousands of sites nationwide helped more than 3.6 million taxpayers.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, complete and email [Form 14310 VITA/TCE Volunteer Sign Up](#) to TaxVolunteer@irs.gov. Make sure to include all of your contact information along with the city and state where you want to volunteer. A local IRS representative will direct you to the nearest organizations offering free tax help. Become a volunteer and see what a difference it can make in your life and the lives of others.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to helpful information to help you promote our volunteer efforts:

YouTube

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Recruitment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E98kSoy892M>

IRS Tax Tip

[Seven Good Reasons Why You Should Become a Tax Volunteer](#)

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