

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (275 word count)

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

How can you make a difference? Consider preparing taxes as a volunteer!

Are you looking for a way to help your community? Consider becoming a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs. There are more than 12,000 VITA/TCE sites across the nation.

These two programs assist seniors and individuals with low to moderate incomes, persons with disabilities and those for whom English is a second language.

As a volunteer, you'll provide tax preparation service to taxpayers who do not have the ability to prepare their own tax returns. Don't know that much about taxes? Don't worry — you'll receive specialized training from a certified VITA/TCE volunteer or from IRS employees. Some of the volunteer opportunities include being a greeter, a reviewer, a tax preparer and more. The hours are flexible, the free training is easy and the time commitment is minimal.

Taxpayers rely on VITA/TCE volunteers to provide free quality tax return preparation and assistance yearly. Last year, more than 87,000 volunteers at thousands of sites across the nation helped more than 3 million taxpayers with free tax preparation. Volunteering can be an exciting, educational and enjoyable experience. Think about becoming a volunteer and see what a difference it makes in your life as well as others.

Interested? For more details submit your contact information using the [VITA/TCE Volunteer Sign Up - Form 14310](#). Please be sure to include your contact information along with the city and state where you want to become a volunteer. Your information will be forwarded to the sponsoring partners in your area for further contact.

Submit your inquiry now to become a VITA or TCE volunteer! It's a rewarding way to give back to your community.

NOTE TO EDITOR: *Below are links to www.irs.gov for more information about volunteering.*

YouTube videos - Volunteering for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Programs - [English version](#) or [ASL](#)

People helping people - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, free tax help for low-to-moderate income people.

Nationwide Free Tax Preparation Site List - Locate nearby Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites that help prepare tax returns free for low-to-moderate income people.

Become an IRS Partner to help in your community - Read how the program works and how your organization can become involved with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Partner and Volunteer Resource Center - Are you currently a VITA/TCE partner or volunteer? Go here to get the latest information for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program - As a partner, learn more about how you can offer free tax help to individuals age 60 or older.