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### **LAST CHANCE FOR FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES**

*Walk-Ins Welcome April 14, 15, 17 & 18*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 11, 2017** – IRS-certified tax preparers and accounting students from Davenport University, Aquinas College and Cornerstone University will be joined by community volunteers to provide free tax preparation services for people with incomes under \$57,000 on April 14, 15, 17 and 18. Each year, millions of dollars in tax refunds and credits go unclaimed by those who need them the most. Taking advantage of free tax preparation services helps West Michigan families receive tax refunds and credits that enable them to stay in their homes, feed their families, keep the lights on, and save for tomorrow.

Volunteers are providing assistance in conjunction with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a cooperative effort of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and nonprofit groups that train volunteers to prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. As volunteers, accounting students from Davenport and other area colleges have been certified by the IRS to participate.

**WHAT:** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - Walk In Days

**WHEN:**

Friday, April 14	8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 15	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday, April 17	8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18	8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **ACSET Community Action Tax Center**  
121 Franklin St. SE Ste. 110  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Tax assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Those wishing to take advantage of the free program should bring the following paperwork with them:

- Picture ID and social security card for filer and spouse, social security cards for dependents.
- Birth dates for primary, secondary and dependents on the tax return.
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers.

- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099).
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns if available.
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit.
- Everything saying "important tax document" on it.
- Rent paid out-of-pocket, landlord's name(s) and address or 2016 property taxes and the home's taxable value.
- Home heating costs reported on the December – March 2016 utility bills.

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