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Together, we're building
a community where
people have homes,
students graduate
and **families are
financially stable.**

50,000

people rise out of
poverty





Free Tax Preparation Campaign



Tax Time is:

- Necessary
- Stabilizing
- Empowering

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Today we will focus on:

Earned Income Tax Credit

Introduction to the Campaign



Earned Income Tax Credit: The Basics

- Began in the 1970's
- Redistribution of wealth
- Rewards work and offsets payroll taxes
- Refundable credit (Anything extra beyond the taxes you owe... you get back!)

Big, Big, Impact!

200,000+

Washingtonians are lifted out of poverty through the EITC every year.

\$2,145

The average EITC credit in Washington

6.2 million

People lifted out of poverty, with 3.2 million being children

- ✓ Improved infant and maternal health
- ✓ Better school performance
- ✓ Greater college enrollment

Working-Family Tax Credits Help at Every Stage of Life

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) not only reward work and reduce poverty for low- and moderate-income working families with children, but a growing body of research shows that they help families at virtually every stage of life:



Improved infant and maternal health: Researchers have found links between increased EITCs and improvements in infant health indicators such as birth weight and premature birth. Research also suggests receiving an expanded EITC may improve maternal health.



Better school performance: Elementary and middle-school students whose families receive larger refundable credits (such as the EITC and CTC) tend to have higher test scores in the year of receipt.



Greater college enrollment: Young children in low-income families that benefit from expanded state or federal EITCs are more likely to go to college, research finds. Researchers attribute this to lasting academic gains from higher EITCs in middle school and earlier. Increased tax refunds also boost college attendance by making college more affordable for families with high-school seniors, research finds.



Increased work and earnings in the next generation: For each \$3,000 a year in added income that children in a working-poor family receive before age 6, they work an average of 135 more hours a year between ages 25 and 37 and their average annual earnings increase by 17 percent, leading researchers have found.



Social Security retirement benefits: Research suggests that by boosting the employment and earnings of working-age women, the EITC boosts their Social Security retirement benefits, which should reduce poverty in old age. (Social Security benefits are based on how much one works and earns.)

Note: For further details on the research see Chuck Marr, Chye-Ching Huang, Arloc Sherman, and Brandon DeBot, "EITC and Child Tax Credit Promote Work, Reduce Poverty, and Support Children's Development, Research Finds," CBPP

Under-Utilized & Badly Utilized



One in five eligible taxpayers aren't claiming the EITC.

In King County, 40% of people who claim the EITC go to a paid preparer!



The campaign is so large, are there more people to reach?

Only 4% of eligible (<60K) taxpayers are accessing free tax prep services

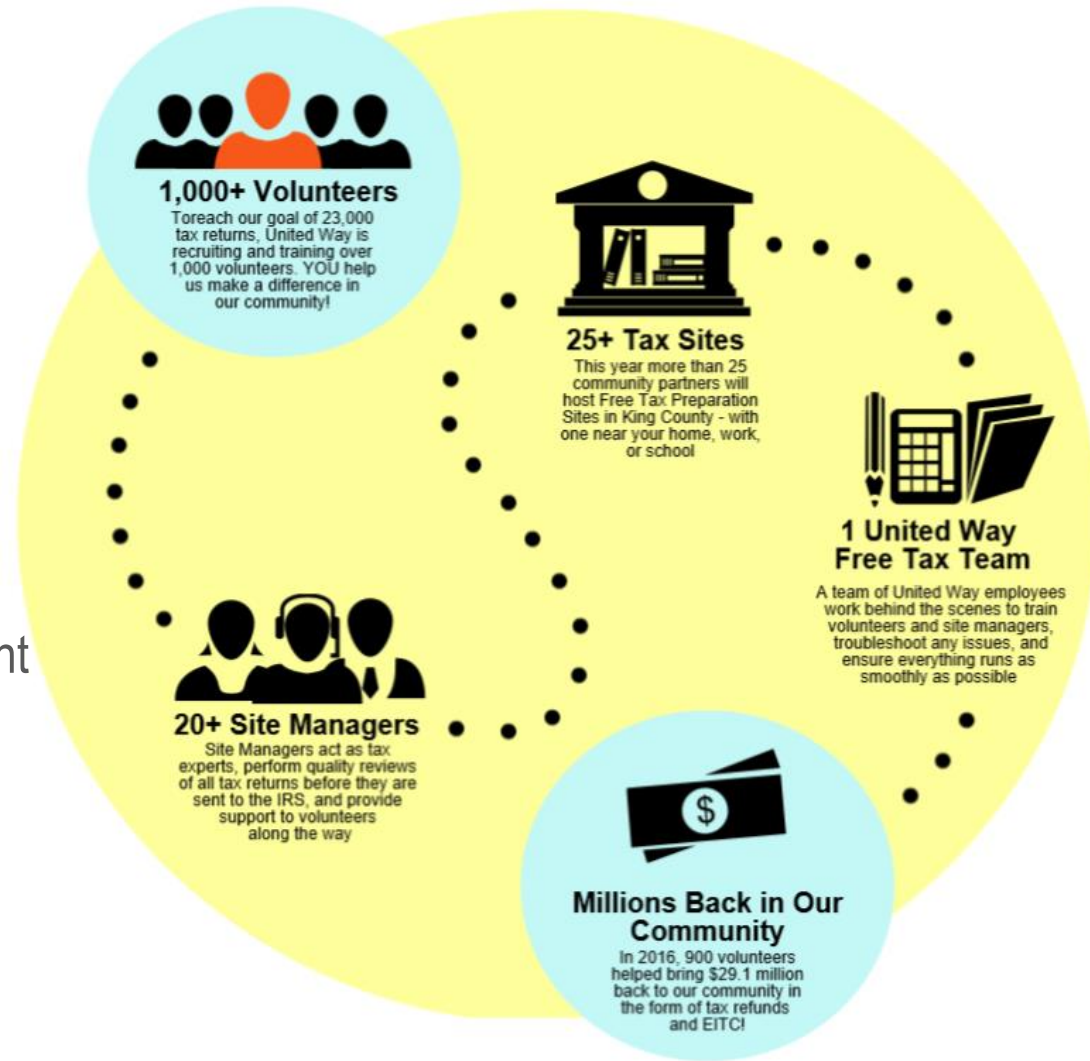
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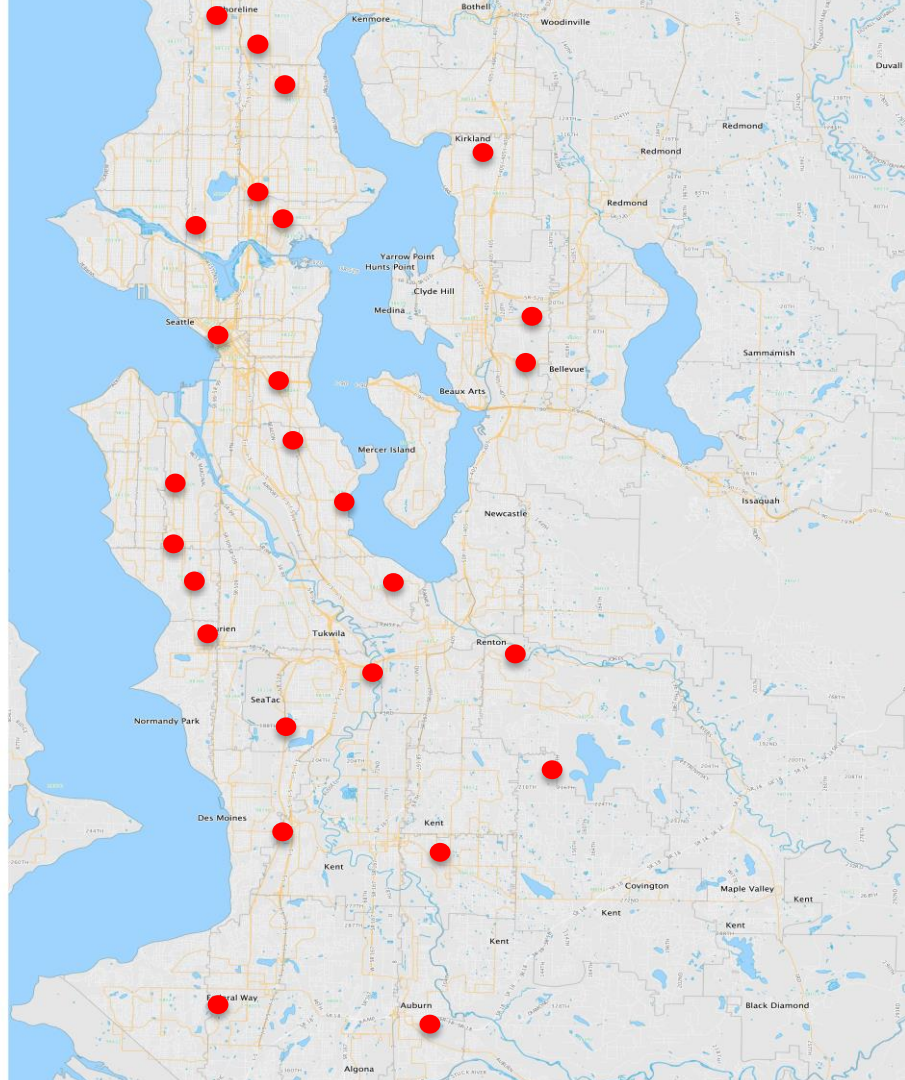
“I recently started college again and need to save every penny I can. The online tax prep websites always end up charging, and with United Way, I was able to do my taxes free of charge!”

The Campaign

- 10+ years in the community
- Volunteer powered
- Linguistically and culturally competent services
- County-wide
- Tax Prep + Benefits Access



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Tax Preparation for
up to four years.



ITIN Applications



Access to benefits:
ACA, Basic Food, Credit
Reports, Utility Assistance
Referrals, Orca LIFT



Savings Bonds

Huge Impact



- ▲ 21,750 Returns
- ▲ Big ROI
- ▲ Big Stories

2017 Tax Season

12,000+ Returns filed

2,275 referrals to public benefits

- Delayed Refunds for EITC filers due to PATH Act = low filing rates
- Outreach is critical right now



FREE TAX HELP!



If you make less than \$64,000, United Way of King County will help you prepare and file your taxes for free. Now through April 20, 2017, we'll have free tax experts at 27 locations, ready to help you maximize your refund. No appointment is needed.

If you don't need in-person tax help, simply visit MyFreeTaxes.com where you can quickly and easily file your taxes online for free.

What to bring

- Social Security card/ITIN letters for everyone on the return (required)
- Photo ID (required)
- All tax statements (W-2 form, 1099 form, SSA-1099 form, etc.) (required)
- Health insurance forms 1095-A, 1095-B, or 1095-C (required)
- Bank account number and routing number (recommended)
- A copy of last year's tax return (recommended)

Note: If you are filing with your spouse, you both must be present to e-file.

We can also help you sign up for healthcare, public benefits, ORCA Lift and the new myRA savings account.

Si gana menos de \$64,000, United Way de King County lo ayudará a preparar y registrar sus impuestos de forma gratuita. Desde ahora hasta el 20 de abril de 2017, tendremos expertos en impuestos en veintisiete ubicaciones, listos para ayudarlo de manera gratuita a maximizar su reembolso. No necesita tener una cita.

Si no necesita ayuda en persona con sus impuestos, simplemente visite MyFreeTaxes.com, donde puede registrar sus impuestos en línea gratuitamente de forma fácil y rápida.

Kumuha ng libreng tulong sa buwis mula sa isang eksperto ng nagsasalita ng Tagalog.

从中文文的专家处获得免费税务帮助。

Được trợ giúp thuế miễn phí từ chuyên gia nói tiếng Việt.

Бесплатная помощь русскоязычного специалиста по вопросам налогообложения.

Λογιστική βοήθεια από γλωσσικά ειδικούς στην ελληνική.

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FreeTaxExperts.org OR CALL 211



Free tax experts at 27 King County locations. For more info, call 211 or visit FreeTaxExperts.org

Note: Taxes take time, so come early. The last customer will be served 45 minutes before the site closes.

North King County

Shoreline Ronald United Methodist Church 17819 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133 Mon: 5 - 9 p.m. Thurs: 3 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Shoreline Goodwill 14500 15th Ave NE Shoreline, WA 98155 Mon, Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Seattle

North Seattle Solid Ground 1501 N 45th St, Seattle, WA 98103 Tues: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Lake City Neighborhood Service Center 12525 28th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125 Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Seattle Public Library University Branch 5009 Roosevelt Way NE Seattle, WA 98105 Thurs: 1 - 5 p.m. Sat: 1 - 5 p.m.	University of Washington - Seattle Campus PKCCR Hall Room 257 4277 E Stevens Way NE, Seattle, WA 98195 Mon & Wed: 4 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Central Seattle

Seattle Public Library, Central Branch 1000 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104 Mon & Thurs: 12 - 7 p.m. Fri: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun: 1 - 5 p.m.	Seattle Goodwill 700 Dearborn Place S Seattle, WA 98144 Mon & Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	El Centro de la Raza 2524 16th Ave, Seattle, WA 98144 Tues & Thurs: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Seattle Public Library, Douglass-Truth Branch 2300 E Yester Way, Seattle, WA 98122 Wed: 3 - 7 p.m.
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South Seattle

Rainier Community Center 4600 38th Ave, S Seattle, WA 98118 Tues, Wed, Thurs: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wed: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Rainier Beach Community Center 8825 Rainier Ave, S Seattle, WA 98118 Wed: 5 - 8 p.m. Wed: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	West Seattle Food Bank 6516 35th Ave SW Wed & Thurs: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	YWCA Greenbridge 97 20 8th Ave, SW Seattle, WA 98106 Mon: 5 - 8 p.m. Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Eastside

Bellevue Bellevue Hospital 14812 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98007 Thurs: 3 - 9 p.m. Fri: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Jubilee REACH 14300 SE 138th Pl, Bellevue, WA 98007 Mon & Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Kirkland YMCA KTUB 346 N Kirkland Ave, Kirkland, WA 98033 Mon: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Auburn Orion Industries 15300 A St. NE, Auburn, WA 98002 Mon & Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Burien Burien Goodwill 1015 SW 128th St, Burien, WA 98146 Tues & Thurs: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Burien Community Center 14700 6th Ave SW, Burien, WA 98146 Tues: 2 - 7 p.m.	Federal Way Federal Way Multi-Service Center 1200 S 316th St, Federal Way, WA 98003 Tues, Wed, Thurs: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Highline

Highline College, Outreach Center Building 23935 Pacific Hwy S Kent, WA 98138 Wed & Thurs: 4 - 8 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Kent Kent Public Health Center, Kent Hill Plaza Shopping Center 2574 104th Ave SE, Kent WA 98030 Tues & Thurs: 5 - 8 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Renton Salvation Army Renton Rotary 206 S. Tobin St, Renton, WA 98057 Mon & Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 1 - 4 p.m.	Fairwood Library 17009 148th Ave SE, Renton WA 98058 Mon: 5 - 8 p.m. Thurs: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Tukwila

Tukwila Community Center 12424 42nd Ave, S Tukwila, WA 98168 Tues & Thurs: 5 - 8 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	SeaTac Angle Lake Family Resource Center 4040 S 188th St, SeaTac, WA 98188 Mon & Wed: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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What we do

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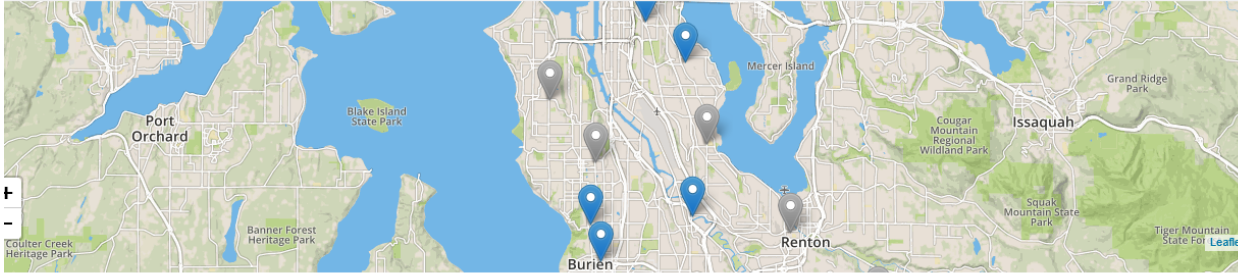
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2 EASY WAYS TO FILE TAXES

WHAT TO BRING

FREE TAX PREP



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