

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

United Way of Greater Mercer County is seeking volunteers to be a part of the free tax program. The program provides families and individuals making less than \$65,000/year with FREE tax return preparation.

Benefits to the Community

Last year's volunteers prepared over 1,900 free tax returns and provided total refunds of over \$2 million including Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) to working individuals and families as well as those who are 60 years of age and older in our community.

The average adjusted gross income of working individuals and families we serve is \$32,165/year. Rising costs in food, housing, and essentials leave families struggling to make ends meet. The savings from tax preparation fees and refunds received are used for basic needs like:

- food
- housing
- healthcare

You Can Change Lives

In order to qualify for Federal resources like:

food assistance (including school lunch and breakfast)
health insurance (including Medicaid)
college financial aid
other Federal programs

proof of income is a requirement. As a result, tax return filing is crucial to the financial success of many families and individuals.

Be a part of this vital resource to increase financial security for families and individuals in Mercer County!

Rewards of Volunteering:

- Studies show volunteering supports better mental and physical health
- You gain new skills, including how to become an IRS-certified tax preparer
- No prior tax experience
- Various roles are available
- Financial professionals earn continuing education credits
- It's a resume builder for students

For more information on how to join our tax prep team, contact us:

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WHAT IS IT?

UP TO \$200,000 FOR THE EMPLOYER

50% reimbursement of training hours for up to 6 months (up to \$20,000 per new employee with a max subsidy of \$200,000)

\$500 BONUS FOR THE EMPLOYEE

A \$500 incentive for eligible unemployed workers reentering the workforce in their first paycheck

THOSE ELIGIBLE ARE

Private and not-for-profit employers with 500 or fewer employees	Must provide substantive on-the-job training	Unemployed applicants with identifiable skill gaps
Position must pay a minimum of \$16/hour	Candidates must be New Jersey residents	Position must be full-time (32+ hours per week)

THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE ARE

Seasonal workers	Part-time employees	Commission-based wages	Independent contractors
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NEXT STEPS

Express interest at nj.gov/labor/returnandearn. NJDOL will work with employers to identify prospective candidates for available positions.

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- Learn critical workplace safety topics
- Learn standards specific to your industry

Certified Logistics Associate

- Understand various roles in global supply chain
- Operate and use safety principles

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