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United Way of the Florida Keys

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UNITED WAY OF THE FLORIDA KEYS OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION

Florida Keys – United Way of the Florida Keys is offering 2 FREE tax preparation options for Monroe County residents with limited incomes. The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program assists qualified taxpayers with completion of their annual tax return, to ensure that families receive every available benefit, and MyFreeTaxes.com offers online, easy to complete tax returns.

VITA volunteer tax preparers are IRS-certified and prepared to complete simple tax returns, including identifying available credits for those earning less than \$55,000 in 2018. There is absolutely *no charge* to the taxpayer for this service. UWFK is pleased to offer the VITA program through grants from Volunteer Florida and Wells Fargo. This year, UWFK will also provide taxpayers with referrals for long-term Irma recovery, when applicable.

Residents may make a tax appointment online or by phone. More details are available at KeysUnitedWay.org/vita2019. VITA tax preparation sites are:

Middle & Upper Keys - 305-849-1095

Key Largo Library – 101485 Overseas Hwy – Mar 16: 10 am - 2 pm

Tavernier FK Electric Co-op – 91630 Overseas Hwy – Feb 12; March 12: 10 am – 2 pm

Islamorada Library – 81830 Overseas Highway – Feb 19; Mar 19: 10 am – 2 pm

Marathon Library – 3251 Overseas Highway – Feb 21, 28; Mar 21, 28; Apr 2, 9: 10 am – 2- pm

Lower Keys - 305-849-6473

Stock Island Bernstein Park – 6751 5th Street – Feb 25; Mar 18: 3-7 pm

Key West Gato Building – 1100 Simonton St – Feb 6, 13, 20, 27; Mar 6, 13, 20, 27; Apr 3, 10: 10 am – 2 pm

Program availability is pending resolution of the federal government shutdown.

In addition to the VITA program, taxpayers earning less than \$66,000 have a second free tax preparation option. MyFreeTaxes.com makes it easy to complete taxes for free in less than an hour. United Way partners with industry leader H&R Block to provide this service.

“Tax season is often a source of confusion and stress for families,” said Leah Stockton, President / CEO of United Way of the Florida Keys. “Many are worried they’ll make a mistake, won’t get their full refund or will pay too much. With MyFreeTaxes or VITA, filers can get support from IRS-certified specialists and cut down the time it takes to complete their returns.”



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About United Way of the Florida Keys:

United Way of the Florida Keys is an independent, local 501(c)(3) organization that has been supporting the Keys community for more than 30 years. UWFK supports strong working families and funds nonprofits that provide critical services to Keys residents. Money raised in the Keys stays in the Keys.

United Way also plays a unique role in convening businesses, nonprofits and government to work together to address community needs. For more information, visit our website: www.keysunitedway.org or call (305) 735-1929. **Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.**