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Free Tax Services Through Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Tax Preparation and Filing services are free to those who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017

(Ventura County, CA) March 12, 2018 – Free income tax preparation for individuals and families with earnings under \$54,000 are currently available through the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a community partnership led by United Way of Ventura County. Filers may also qualify for the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Services are available in Simi Valley at the East County America's Job Center location, located at 2900 N. Madera Road, #100 and in Moorpark at Moorpark College located at 7075 Campus Road until April 30, 2018. Interested individuals should call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. Filers will need to bring:

- Social Security card or ITIN for each family member
- W-2 forms for all jobs worked in 2017
- All 1099 forms for other income
- Picture I.D. for each adult filing
- 2016 tax return
- Canceled check for direct deposit of refund
- Child Care provider information?: name, address, and Tax I.D. (if available)
- Form 1095-A, if applicable

For the 2016 tax year VITA prepared 1,917 tax returns and saved clients an estimated \$324,450 in tax preparation fees leading to \$2,585,201 in tax returns for those clients. For more information regarding the VITA program, visit www.myfreetaxes.org or contact Susan Englund at 805-485-6288, ext. 226 or by email at susan.englund@vcunitedway.org.

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF VENTURA COUNTY

The United Way of Ventura County, located in Camarillo, Calif., was established in 1945. Through its Community Impact direction, the organization is working to Advance the Common Good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life—Education, Income, and Health. For more information, call (805) 485-6288 or visit www.vcunitedway.org.