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Walk-ins Accepted for Free Professional Tax Help at Hartford Public Library on March 2

(HARTFORD, CT: February 21, 2019) Hartford Public Library (HPL) and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will host “Dollars & Sense Day” on Saturday, March 2, from 10 am – 1 pm at HPL’s Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford. On this day only, persons will not need an appointment to receive free professional assistance with filing their income tax at the library. Persons will be assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Person who make \$55,000 or less, have a disability of have limited English speaking ability can qualify for free VITA assistance.

VITA assistance at HPL is ordinarily available by appointment only through Saturday, April 13. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 4:00 – 7:30 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Downtown Library. To make an appointment, persons should call HPL’s main number 860-695-6300, or ask the staff at their local library. The VITA program at HPL is supported by the Internal Revenue Service, City of Hartford, Community Accounting Services, United Way and The Village.

Numerous other community agencies offer VITA services. To find one near you, call 211 and press 3 then 6. You can also file your taxes online at MyFreeTaxes.com or visit www.211ct.org and click on “Tax Help.”

Persons seeking tax assistance should bring the following documentation:

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for you, your spouse and your dependents if you do not have a Social Security number
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements ([Form W-2](#), [W-2G](#), [1099-R](#), [1099-Misc](#)) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received

- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number
- Forms 1095-A, B and C, Health Coverage Statements
- Copies of income transcripts from IRS and state, if applicable

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