

Media Alert
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Kicking-off Free Tax Preparation Season

A free service that helps local residents prepare and file their taxes will kick-off its season Friday, January 27. The official start-up of the Milwaukee area tax prep program coincides with National EITC, or Earned Income Tax Credit, Day.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program of the Milwaukee Asset Building Coalition (MABC) will mark the start of their official tax preparation season on Friday, January 27th at 8:30 am. The ceremony will be held at Goodwill Industries building at 6055 N. 91st Street in Milwaukee. Goodwill is one of the many sites for this season's free tax preparation program.

The kick-off will featured guest speakers Sheila Seigel of the IRS, Alison Gilman Aquino of Edward Jones, and Robert Wynn, the President of Akamai LLC. There will also be free tax preparations performed on site from 10 am to 3 pm as well as a financial literacy workshop that includes a free credit score check between 10 am and noon.

This year will be the 11th tax season for the MABC tax program. In the previous ten seasons, more than 100-million dollars in tax refunds and credits including the EITC credit have been returned to Milwaukee County households. For more information on the program, visit the website of the Social Development Commission, MABC's lead agency, at www.cr-sdc.org, click on the "Programs" page and then on the link for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

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