

Volunteers Sought To Help Prepare 2015 Tax Returns

Garrett County Community Action is looking for volunteers to help prepare income taxes for residents of Garrett County and nearby counties in West Virginia.

The volunteers will prepare returns from Jan. 25, 2016, through April 15, 2016, through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at a site selected by Community Action.

"Volunteering at the VITA site is fun and rewarding," said volunteer Henrietta Lease. "You get to help people who need assistance with their taxes, and you become friends with the other volunteers. I highly recommend volunteering."

Volunteers will be trained and certified with the IRS to be able to assist clients who will be filing IRS form 1040 tax returns. The training can be done online or in a classroom environment.

VITA not only offers free income tax preparation, but also assists families and individuals with financial counseling and asset building strategies.

Those interesting in volunteering are asked to contact Lisa Swift at 301-334-9431 or Haden Cramer at hcramer@garrettcac.org. The agency's toll free number is 1-888-877-

8403.

Operating a VITA site furthers Community Action's mission to assist its clients in building assets so they can become more self-sufficient.