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FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Derby, CT, January 24, 2014--Tax season is here and many people may not be aware about how to qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is one of the nation's largest anti-poverty programs, annually lifting over 6 million people out of poverty each year; half of those impacted are children. EITC can be a boost to you, your family and community. Anyone with earnings under \$51,567 should see if they qualify at [www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc), or visit a volunteer tax assistance site. This credit in combination with other can increase refunds to working families allowing them to reduce debt, save for the future or invest in a home or education. Free volunteer tax help is available to those who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS certified volunteers are part of the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program, a nationwide initiative, offering families a free and easy way to access refunds and tax credits. VITA provides free electronic filing for federal and state tax returns. Taxes are prepared by volunteer tax preparers who ensure that each taxpayer receives the tax credits and deductions they are qualified to claim.

For more information about earning this tax credit, filing taxes and claiming refunds, such as federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) contact one of the following local sites for a free appointment with a VITA volunteer:

**Derby:** TEAM, Inc. 30, Elizabeth Street, Derby, by appointment only on Monday afternoon, Wednesday night and Saturday morning and Derby Neck Library by appointment only on Sunday afternoon, call: 203 736 5420 x 206 between January 28 and April 14.

**Milford:** Milford Senior Citizen Center, 9 Jepson Drive, Milford by appointment only on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening, call 203 736 5420 x 206 between January 28 and April 14.

**Shelton:** Plumb Memorial Library: walk-in program on Tuesdays (1pm-4pm), Wednesday (5:30-7:30pm) and Saturday (10am-1pm), from February 4-April 14.

For all walk-in programs, please bring prior year's tax return and all supporting documents for the 2013 tax year.

*TEAM Inc. is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community. It aims to achieve its mission by conducting activities that address the needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and families including resource mobilization, education, advocacy and service delivery. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour and Woodbridge.*

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