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FREE Income Tax Preparation (VITA) Available in the Valley

- Who?** TEAM's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program prepared more than 1,200 income tax returns last year – TEAM is a private, non-profit human services agency serving the Greater Valley region & Milford whose mission is to strengthen our communities by educating, supporting, and empowering individuals & families.
- What?** TEAM is pleased to announce it will offer FREE tax preparation & filing services to eligible Valley households needing to file their 2019 returns. VITA is a financial literacy initiative providing free tax preparation services for individual or family incomes less than \$56,000/year. TEAM's IRS-trained volunteers not only prepare/file basic tax returns – they also educate participants on the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), child tax credits, and many other tax-related issues & opportunities.
- When?** Available by appointment on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays beginning January 26th and continuing through April 15, 2020. Easy online scheduling: www.211ct.org/taxhelp or call TEAM (203) 736-5420 ext.1206 for more assistance & information
- Where?** TEAM on 30 Elizabeth Street, Derby (Monday 12- 4pm– Wednesday 4-8pm– Saturday)
Derby Neck Library on 307 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby (Sunday 1 to 4pm)
Milford Senior Center on 9 Jepson Drive, Milford (Sunday 11 -3 pm– Monday 5 -8 pm)
- Why?** VITA plays a key role to help keep and put money in the pockets of hard-working people who really need it. In the last year alone, TEAM's VITA program filed 1247 returns in the Greater Valley region at no cost – results of these returns

included \$1.8 million in refunds, more than \$560,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), and more than \$221,000 in Child Tax Credits and Education Tax Credits.