

Volunteers gearing up to aid with state income tax preparation

GREENSBORO -- Community volunteers prepared more than 14,000 Federal income tax returns free this year for North Carolina citizens who were either unable to afford to pay for the service or were unable to prepare their returns themselves. It is called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and it is sponsored by the Internal Revenue

Service.

The 84 groups of volunteers in 55 counties also prepared almost 7,400 North Carolina state tax returns and answered about 2,500 questions about taxes in general.

Volunteers are sought from communities throughout the state and are trained by the IRS. This year, retired accountants, teachers, homemakers, retired

businesspersons, professional groups and college students were involved in VITA. A special need is for persons who will accept a leadership role in recruiting other volunteers in their communities and establishing VITA sites to open next January. Areas where little or no VITA organization was established last year were the North Central and West Central

regions.

Susan Alberty, VITA Coordinator for the IRS, remarked, "This is an excellent way in which a person with a few hours a week to give may do his or her community a real service. I don't know of any other IRS program that meets such a specific and personal need as VITA does."

In addition to training, IRS

also provides blank forms, publications, and technical assistance when needed. Alberty said, "We don't just give a person a block of tax forms and leave them to fend for themselves. We will be on hand to help them when a problem arises that they can't handle."

Those interested in working in the VITA program in 1985 are

encouraged to call Alberty toll-free at 800-424-1040 any weekday on extension 5620.



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