



# NEWS RELEASE

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## SAVE MONEY THIS TAX SEASON

Want to know how you can get your taxes done for free? United Way of West Central Connecticut will be hosting free tax preparation sites in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth throughout the tax season. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides low-income workers and families with free tax preparation and filing. We are trying to bring unclaimed tax credits to these individuals, and thus to the community!

All volunteers at these VITA sites are IRS-certified and ready to help you prepare your tax return and get you all the money due to you! If you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (see below), then you are eligible to have your taxes done at one of our VITA sites for free. Appointments are required, so call (860) 582-9559 ext. 406 today!

*To qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit*

Earned income and adjusted gross income must be less than:

- \$43,279 (\$48,279 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children;
- \$40,295 (\$45,295 married filing jointly) with two or more qualifying children;
- \$35,463 (\$40,463 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child;
- \$13,440 (\$18,440 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

The United Way of West Central Connecticut, serving the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth, is working to create opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on education, income and health. Under the building block of Income, this new initiative strives to help families become financially stable and independent.

These community organizations have worked in partnership with United Way on this initiative: Barnes Group, Inc., Bristol Community Organization, Bristol Housing Authority, City of Bristol Community Services, First Bristol F.C.U., Gene F. Prentiss & Company, Greater Bristol Chamber

of Commerce, Main Street Community Foundation, Plainville Community Schools, Plainville Social Services, Plymouth Community Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol, Thomaston Savings Bank, Town of Burlington, Tunxis Community College, Valley Bank and Webster Bank.

Again, appointments are required for these sites, so please call (860) 582-9559 ext. 406 as soon as you receive all of your W-2 forms for 2009.

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#### **About United Way of West Central Connecticut**

The United Way of West Central Connecticut originated as the Community Chest of Bristol, Conn. in 1922 and later expanded into the towns of Burlington and Plymouth. The United Way of Bristol, Burlington and Plymouth merged with the United Way of Plainville in 1996 to form the United Way of West Central Connecticut, which is one of 17 independent United Ways in Connecticut and one of nearly 1,300 national and worldwide agencies. The United Way of West Central Connecticut has been in partnership with individuals, business and organizations working to improve community life for over 85 years.