



FREE TAX PREPARATION CAMPAIGN

United is the Way we help families build financial stability.



» Why Partner?

King County is home to 69,000 millionaires, making it one of the richest counties in the United States. Yet, many of our neighbors must often decide between prioritizing child care over rent or foregoing an electric bill payment to pay for groceries. At United Way, we want to maximize income for low-income families to put them on the path of financial stability.

Tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Working Families Tax Credit, and tax refunds are great anti-poverty tools, but they only work when people claim them. The cost of professional tax services, combined with race, age, income, language, or disability barriers when trying to access tax support, can also be prohibitive, keeping them from extra cash.

United Way's Free Tax Preparation Campaign combats these barriers to connect people to the resources they deserve. Each year, our volunteers help thousands of low-income people across the Puget Sound region prepare their taxes for free.

Every dollar matters to our hardworking neighbors, so we train volunteers to achieve advanced tax certifications. Our high-quality training was even recognized by the IRS as "Champions of Training."

The average income of clients we file taxes for is

\$35,280.

The average return from taxes we help them secure?

\$1,809.

That's equivalent to nearly an extra month of income!

Last tax season, we reached people where they were—**everywhere from malls to libraries!**



12,720 Washington state residents served



\$15.7M in tax refunds for clients



28% increase in people served since last year



506 community volunteers working a collective **35,105** hours!

» Opportunity

In addition to our other investments, the Free Tax Preparation Campaign is a key part of our goal to help people rise out of poverty, ensuring that hard-working people get every dollar they deserve.

The best part? We know it works. When companies like yours partner with us, we can amplify the impact and continue to serve more people each year.

» Want To Learn More?

Do you have space, supplies, or resources to share? We'd love to hear from you about your interest in helping people access the resources they need to thrive. For more information about this program and its impact, please contact Carrie Bates at cbates@uwkc.org or 206-461-8501.

