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## Unitus Community Credit Union Offers Free VITA Tax Preparation Assistance to Qualified Individuals

IRS-trained financial education specialists to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at Unitus' Beaverton Branch

**Tigard, Ore., February 7, 2025** – For the fourth consecutive year, Unitus Community Credit Union is partnering with Metropolitan Family Services (MFS)-CASH Oregon to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to the community. Qualified individuals can access this free service on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. from February 11 through April 15, at the <u>Unitus Beaverton Branch</u>, located at 3215 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., Beaverton, OR.

VITA is a program that offers free tax return support to people who make \$67,000 or less per year, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance. MFS-CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Oregon is an economic empowerment program committed to improving the financial lives of working individuals and families.

Through the VITA program in 2024, Unitus helped to get \$122,493 in funds returned to working families and individuals in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Appointments are available to both Unitus members and non-members and are offered in English and Spanish.

"We're grateful to MFS-CASH Oregon for offering this valuable community service," said Steven Stapp, President and CEO of Unitus Community Credit Union. "Our certified financial education specialists take great pride in assisting taxpayers and helping them get back their hard-earned refunds. Providing inclusive financial services like VITA is central to our mission at Unitus."

Community members can visit <u>cashoregon.org</u> to determine if they're eligible for free tax services. The website also lists the documents needed for tax preparation, offers links to schedule appointments, and provides resources for taxpayers who have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

## **About Unitus Community Credit Union**

At Unitus, we're dedicated to improving lives in the communities we serve. As a member-owned local credit union, we invest in people by doing the right thing. Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, we provide support for community groups through volunteerism and financial donations. Our 105,000 members count on us to serve them and their communities; our 300+ employees share that passion for service. Learn about the local impact Unitus makes by visiting unituscu.com.