

## **VOLUNTEER** and make a DIFFERENCE

The Internal Revenue Service is recruiting for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through our Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communication (SPEC) office. Learn to prepare taxes and make a difference at the same time. *How can you make a difference?* Simple. Volunteer to prepare taxes for free. Help your community save money and obtain valuable tax credits and learn a valuable skill.

Assist people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers by electronically filing their tax returns. During the 2015 filing season, nearly 96,000 people said "yes" to making a difference; they prepared over 3.7 million returns at thousands of tax sites nationwide.

How does this program work? As a committed tax volunteer, you will be connected to a VITA organization in your community to receive training and begin volunteering. Training is available online. Tax sites are generally open nights and weekends, and the hours are flexible.

The VITA Training Guide (Publication 4491) and Certification Program is available on the IRS website at <u>www.irs.gov</u> - key word search **Link and Learn Taxes**.

For more information about the VITA program, call our Los Angeles Office 213.576.4099

Remember you can make a difference volunteering through VITA

