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**FREE Tax Prep and Direct Deposit
at Human Services Programs of Carroll County**

Westminster, MD - Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (HSP) manages a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site. HSP's VITA Site prepares free tax returns for low to moderate income households. If you made less than \$49,000 in 2011 you may qualify for free tax preparation. If you worked at all - even just a few weeks - you could still get a refund! Tax preparers are IRS trained and certified. HSP's VITA Site will prepare quality tax returns and you will keep all of your refund.

HSP's VITA Site is partnering with PNC Bank to provide tax payers free direct deposit and free refund check cashing. Tax payers can receive their refund on a VISA debit card - this means you will get your refund within 3 - 5 business days. With your PNC tax refund debit card you can withdrawal cash at any PNC bank at no charge and you have free unlimited Point of Sale purchases. If tax payers would like to receive a check, several area PNC Banks will cash your refund checks at no charge.

HSP's VITA Site is selling US Savings Bonds. For every Savings Bond purchased tax payers will have the chance to win instant cash. Tax payers can also enroll in HSP's new Economic Success Program that will provide financial education, connect clients to banking services, and pay you money to save!

HSP's VITA Site opens Monday, January 23, 2012. Our preparation hours are Monday and Tuesday 10AM - 3PM and Wednesday and Thursday, 1PM - 7PM. Call HSP today to schedule your appointment, 410.857.2999.

HSP is the Community Action Agency for Carroll County, serving local at-risk and low-income residents through services such as Emergency and Energy Assistance Programs, Housing Programs and Homeless Shelters (for women and children, men, families, individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues, and Emergency Cold Weather), Domestic Violence Safe House, Family Support Center, Child Care Food Program, Opportunity Works at Second Chances, and Neighbors In Need.

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