



Free tax assistance available at market

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Tax preparation help will be available at no cost in the East Valley under two programs funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation and administered in cooperation with the United Way and One Economy, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income Americans enter the economic mainstream.

A Mobile Tax Center van equipped with online tax-filing technology and IRS-certified professionals will be parked at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, 5122 E. University Drive, Mesa, through Thursday. Eligible taxpayers - those earning less than \$56,000 per year - can visit the van between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and file their taxes free of charge.

Also, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) campaigns funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation will be available 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 7 and 9 at Microchip Technology, 1200 S. 52nd St., Tempe; and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 8 at Microchip, 2355 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler.

IRS-certified tax professionals will be available to help those earning less than \$42,000 a year file their taxes accurately and free of charge.

More information on the VITA sites and the Mobile Tax Center van tour is available at www.walmartfoundation.org or www.myfreetaxes.com.