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## **Tax Assistance Center needs volunteers**

The Athens County Fast and Free Tax Assistance Center is looking for volunteers to help area residents e-file their tax returns.

Volunteers are needed to greet customers, screen callers and prepare basic federal, state and school district tax returns. The center will be open January through April at The Work Station in The Plains.

At the Fast and Free Tax Assistance Center, area residents are able to receive help filing their basic tax returns. The service is provided free to area residents of all income levels, as long as they are filing basic returns. The center also helps low to moderate-income working individuals and families qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit or the EITC, a refundable federal income tax credit.

The center is run almost completely by volunteers, and area residents are needed to help make the program a success again this year. The Work Station is a fun and relaxing environment, and the work is rewarding. Day, evening and weekend hours are available for volunteers who want to screen callers (telephone operators), greet customers (receptionists) or assist with the tax returns (tax preparers).

Volunteers who wish to assist with the tax returns will be IRS-certified by completing the IRS training modules found on-line at <http://www.irs.gov/app/vita/>. Tax preparers are certified in basic, intermediate and advanced programs.

Volunteers are able to complete the training on their home computers, or they are welcome to use the computer lab at The Work Station to complete the IRS training. Paper booklets of the certifications are also available.

For more information on volunteering for this valuable community service program, call Amy Smith at 797-2523 or send an e-mail to [jfs@athenscountygovernment.com](mailto:jfs@athenscountygovernment.com)