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Two weeks left for Working Poor to cash in on free tax help April 30th tax deadline fast approaching

Edmonton – “There is just over two weeks left in the Make Tax Time Pay (MTTP) free tax service for Edmonton’s working poor,” said Harvey Voogd, Executive Director for Vibrant Communities Edmonton (VCE). “MTTP will run through to April 30th at 28 sites citywide and brings an accessible free tax service to people who are working and earning low wages in our city. People should phone 211, the community information line, to find a site near you.”

“MTTP is important because getting your taxes done at a commercial outlet can cost quite a bit for a family with limited income,” said Don Junk, the volunteer coordinator for the site at Southminster-Steinhauer United church. “Our church got involved because we felt it is important to help people on low income that we discovered are living right in our area. MTTP is a great service to our community because people are not only assisted with taxes. We also help them apply for existing benefits and subsidies like free access to the City of Edmonton’s leisure facilities.”

In its 3rd year, MTTP uses over 150 volunteers to provide a confidential service. The volunteers assist low income working families and individuals complete their tax returns and help them apply for benefits, subsidies and tax credits that will put cash back in their pockets. On average, a family can potentially boost their income by \$500.

VCE is a non-profit corporation that collaborates with a wide range of business, community and government partners to build economic success for low income working families.

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