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Get Your Taxes Prepared for Free **Give Your Pay Cheque a Boost!**

Edmonton – “Vibrant Communities Edmonton (VCE) is pleased to announce that Make Tax Time Pay (MTTP) is now underway again in Edmonton,” said Harvey Voogd, VCE Executive Director. “MTTP will run from now 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.”

“In its 3rd year, MTTP will use 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.”

“Many families and individuals are unaware of existing government and subsidies such as the federal Canada Child Tax Benefit,” said Voogd. “One particular provincial benefit, the Alberta Child Health Benefit, can help a family cover the costs of their children’s health care expenses such as eye glasses, medication and dental visits. Other benefits can help with child care and out-of-school care as well as free access to City of Edmonton leisure facilities.”

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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