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### CHAMBER EVENTS Watch for Weekly Updates!!

#### March

**11 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -New Cumberland Federal Credit Union**, 345 Lewisberry Rd, New Cumberland. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

**27- Business Leaders Discussion Group** -Sponsored by **PaySmart Payroll Services**, **650 Wilson Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg**. 7:45 - 9:00 am. Members only event.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

For a full calendar of chamber and member events, visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

### **Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!**

Americhoice FCU Big Brothers Big Sisters Cheryl Hock LLC Clay's Service Center, Inc. Community CARES Glessner Technologies, Inc Murphy Business of Greater Harrisburg Pink Hands of Hope Red Rock Landscape Inc Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania Phyllis Weber

### **Business Women's Networking Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 11 11:30am - 1:00pm



### **New Cumberland Federal Credit Union**

345 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland

Join us as we are excited to host you at our Headquarters location. NCFCU is a full-service, not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution with a longstanding tradition of service - Since 1952.

Learn how NCFCU can by Your Community Credit Union and get reacquainted with Mary Heimbuch, Marketing Director.

> Space is limited. Reservations required. RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Do you know a great way to show off what, where, and how you do the things you do? Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event, contact the Chamber office for more details.

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For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:** 

### Business Leaders Discussion Group Thursday, March 27 7:45 - 9:00 am

Sponsored by PaySmart Payroll Services 650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100 Mechanicsburg



RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811. This members-only event is **free** to attend!

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!





To expand the reach of our state services, my district office will set up at the Mechanicsburg senior center on Wednesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, to assist constituents with state-related issues. My office will be facilitating Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications and checking for unclaimed property.

You can call or stop by my office in Lower Allen Township for assistance with the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program at any time, but we will focus specifically on helping constituents file applications from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

If you plan to take advantage of Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program assistance, please visit

RepDelozier.com for a list of documents you will need for us to be able to file your application.

For questions, please call 717-761-4665.



Safely and securely shred documents containing sensitive information like bank account numbers at my free Spring Shredding Event on Thursday, March 27, from 5-7 p.m. at the Hampden Township Pool parking lot, located at 5001 Park Drive in Mechanicsburg. There is a limit of four boxes per household. No businesses, please. The shredder can handle staples, but please remove paperclips and binder clips in advance.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit RepDelozier.com/Events to give my staff and the shredding company a headcount. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



**Hosted by Representative Sheryl M. Delozier** 



Mechanicsburg First Church of God Community Center 201 East Green St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 I will be hosting a job and government services fair for constituents of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative District which will, in addition to business and employers, include various state agencies and legislative information booths. If you would like to participate as a vendor and set up a table at this event, please fill out our vendor form at **RepDelozier. com/Events.** There is no cost to participate.

If you would like to attend the fair as a job seeker, or to take advantage of government services, please RSVP to **RepDelozier.com/Events** or call **717-761-4665.** 



KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 2/28 – Celebration Villa, Dillsburg... Kirk solo 3-4

Fri. 2/28- Hook & Flask Stillworks, Carlisle ... Kirk & Beth Duo 7-10

Sun 3/2 – Mountain Ridge Church of Heidlersburg...service starts at 10AM

Fri. 3/8 – American Legion #974, New Cumberland...Kirk Duo 7:30-10:30

Sun. 3/9 – Community Christian Fellowship Church, Carlisle... service 10:30

Fri. 3/14 – Big Bottom Brewery @ Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk Duo 7-10

Sat. 3/15 – Rotunda Brewing Kegs & Eggs, Annville ...Kirk solo 10-2

Sat. 3/15 – Totem Pole Wine, Carlisle... Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Thurs. 3/20 – VibraLife, Mechanicsburg... Kirk solo 3-4

> For complete up-to-date schedule, information, and photos go to www.jazzmeband.com

Bookings: call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or E-mail <u>wisemotors@aol.com</u>

Tour sponsors: FARNHAM INSURANCE, MEMBERS 1st F. C. U., CLASSIC DRY CLEANERS, STUDIO D & LANDON WISE PHOTOGRAPHY



Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation

Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation is kicking-off a new Funding Seminar series in 2025 highlighting funding opportunities for Outdoor Recreation projects and Agriculture/ Agritourism. As we build these programs, we'd love to better understand our partners' needs.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this sevenquestion survey.

### TAKE SURVEY HERE



### GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

The program will be Deb Donahue speaking about Veterans Village tiny homes.

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/

### 2025 Virtual Early Learning Conference

## 2025 Early Learning Conference



Join TFEC's Early Education Initiative for the 2025 Virtual Early Learning Conference from **March 10-14, 2025**.

Register at https://www.tfec.org/earlyed-conference/.

#### Why should you attend?

Flexible Learning: Enjoy the convenience of recorded sessions available all week, fitting your schedule.

Earn Valuable Credits: Take advantage of PDE and PQA credits while expanding your knowledge. Networking Opportunities: Connect with fellow educators and community partners to strengthen your professional network.

**Build Strong Foundations:** Strengthening educators, caregivers, and more to help children build strong foundations.

**Empowering Early Education:** Learn more about topics such as behavior, mental health, STEM, arts integration, infant care, administration, trauma, The BASICS and more.



### Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Requirements Update

A recent federal court ruling has lifted the last remaining nationwide injunction that had been preventing the enforcement of Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) filing requirements. However, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) has announced at least a 30-day delay before new filings will be required.

### **Key Deadline Changes**

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) has adjusted the filing deadlines as follows:

- For the vast majority of reporting companies, the new deadline to file an initial, updated, and/or corrected BOI report is now March 21, 2025.
  - o FinCEN will provide an update before then of any further modification of this deadline, recognizing that reporting companies may need additional time to comply with their BOI reporting obligations once this update is provided.
- Reporting companies that were previously given a reporting deadline later than the March 21, 2025 deadline must file their initial BOI report by that later deadline.
  - o For example, if a company's reporting deadline is in April 2025 because it qualifies for certain disaster relief extensions, it should follow the April deadline, not the March deadline.
- Plaintiffs in National Small Business United v. Yellen, No. 5:22-cv01448 (N.D. Ala.) —
  namely, Isaac Winkles, reporting companies for which Isaac Winkles is the beneficial
  owner or applicant, the National Small Business Association, and members of the
  National Small Business Association (as of March 1, 2024) are not currently required
  toreport their beneficial ownership information to FinCEN at this time.

### What This Means for You

- If you previously filed a BOI report, no additional action is required unless your information has changed.
- If your business has not yet filed, we recommend promptly preparing your filing to meet the revised deadlines.

If you have any questions or would like assistance determining the best course of action for your business, please contact our team of trusted advisors.

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#### **View The FinCEN Notice**



### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA LAUNCHES GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH ON THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF MENTORSHIP

*First-of-its-kind study reveals mentorship as a cost-effective solution to drive socioeconomic mobility for youth in South-Central PA and nationwide.* 

Rooted in 30 years of data, the study provides evidence of greater enrollment in higher education, increased salaries, reduced dependency on social services, and improved behavioral outcomes for mentored youth.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) – the preeminent one-to-one youth mentoring organization in the United States – released a groundbreaking study [https://www.bbbs.org/impact] on the transformative power of mentorship in shaping young people's educational, economic, and social trajectories. Conducted by leading researchers from Harvard University and the U.S. Department of Treasury, this first-of-its-kind study reveals how mentorship programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters can serve as a scalable solution to reduce socioeconomic disparities over time.

This research, rooted in three decades of data, provides compelling evidence that mentorship



delivers long-lasting benefits:

 Increased Earnings: Participants experienced a 15% boost in earnings between the ages of 20 and 25, reflecting enhanced economic mobility.

o The income of mentored youth as adults was more closely aligned with the income of their mentor than their family, helping to reduce the socioeconomic gap by two-thirds.

• Higher College Attendance: Mentored youth are 20% more likely to attend college compared to non-mentored peers.

• Improved Behavior: Within 18 months, mentored youth reported lower absenteeism and fewer school suspensions.

Healthier Social Outcomes: Mentored youth
 exhibit improved behaviors and stronger social bonds,





leading to a reduced dependency on social services and long-term societal improvements.

"This national study serves as a powerful testament to the transformative impact of mentorship," says Amy Rote, President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA. "The data reinforces what we've seen firsthand: mentoring doesn't just create opportunities; it changes the trajectory of a

young person's life. When we empower youth through mentorship, we are investing in their ability to contribute to society, break barriers, and achieve lasting success."

These findings are vital to BBBS of South-Central PA youth and families because throughout the organization's 7-county service region, workers with at least a high school diploma earn 9.97% more than workers without one; a worker with some college earns 25.77% more; and a worker with a bachelor's degree earns 66.17% more.

"We build long-term, stable relationships that help children successfully navigate the path to adulthood," says Rote. "Our goal is for every young person in our program to graduate high school and become enrolled, enlisted, or employed."

In BBBS of South-Central PA programs 82.43% of youth are confident they'll graduate high school, 75.55% of Littles over the age of 15 plan to attend college and in 2024, 100% of high school seniors in the nonprofit's South-Central PA programs graduated on time.

While previous studies suggest youth must fully change their social environment to increase economic opportunity, this study is the first to identify community mentorship as a low-cost solution that offers the same results. With BBBS programming costs at approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year per youth, the increased lifetime earnings of mentored youth and related tax revenue would allow the government to recoup costs within just 7 years, making it one of the most cost-effective youth interventions.

The research builds upon a landmark 1991 randomized control trial (RCT) conducted by Public/ Private Ventures and Mathematica Policy Research, extending the analysis into the 2020s by linking administrative data from BBBS to U.S. tax records. This robust approach provides unprecedented insight into the lifelong impacts of mentorship on education, employment, and social identity.

The study focuses on matched youth between the ages of 10 and 14 who applied to a BBBS community-based mentoring program in the early 1990s. Participants came from diverse backgrounds, with 60% being male and more than half identifying as racial minorities. Most participants lived in single-parent households or with guardians.

To learn more, visit www.bbbs.org.





#### 1) Choose a Date.

- Saturday, March 22 1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- Sunday, March 23 2:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- Saturday, April 5 1:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.
- Friday, April 11 5:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- Saturday, April 12 2:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- Thursday, April 17 6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.
- Thursday, April 24 6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.
- Saturday, April 26 2:00pm. South Hanover Lanes, Hanover.
- Sunday, April 27 2:00pm. Edgewood Lanes, Gettysburg.

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### 2) Register Today. CAPBIGS.ORG/EVENTS

**3) Build your team.** Invite friends, family & coworkers.

### 4) Raise funds.

Support a Little, a Big & a family.

### 5) Party!

Bowling. Pizza. Drinks. Raffle prizes. Inspire children to dream BIG!







### PA Chamber Proposes Childcare Reforms to Boost Workforce, Economy

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry today released a set of public policy recommendations to help address the state's childcare access crisis, which business leaders say is a key factor in Pennsylvania's workforce shortage.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania currently has 340,000 open jobs, but only 66 available workers for every 100 job openings. And at 61.9 percent, the state's labor participation rate trails the national average and poses a growing challenge to economic growth.

"Growing our economy starts with removing barriers for people to enter, stay in, or re-enter the workforce—and access to high-quality, affordable childcare is a critical part of that equation," **PA Chamber President and CEO Luke Bernstein** said. "We need a comprehensive plan to support this industry, including to tackle staffing shortages, reduce costs, and mitigate regulatory and administrative challenges."

Childcare availability and affordability remain major contributors to Pennsylvania's workforce crisis. The PA Chamber worked with employers, local chambers of commerce, and childcare advocates and providers across the commonwealth to provide lawmakers with recommendations to address some of the challenges that make it more difficult to operate child care facilities in Pennsylvania.

"There's no silver bullet solution, and funding proposals are only part of the discussion," Bernstein continued. "But by working with businesses, childcare providers, and advocates, the PA Chamber is advancing reforms and recommendations that will strengthen our child care industry, thereby supporting working families across Pennsylvania."

Advocates and local chamber leaders from across the state applauded the reforms.

For more information on the PA Chamber's childcare policy agenda, click here.



Billy Beane, Inspiration for Moneyball, to be Keynote Speaker at the Manufacturers' Association's 119th Annual Event The Manufacturers' Association will host its 119th Annual Event featuring Billy Beane, who inspired the Hollywood hit film "Moneyball", as its keynote speaker. Named by Forbes as one of the "100 Greatest Living Business Minds", An Evening with Billy Beane will be the highlight of the 119th Annual Event held on Tuesday, May 20th, at York College's Waldner Performing Arts Center.

Beane is a name that is instantly recognizable across the world of sports, especially in Major League Baseball with his affiliation with the Oakland Athletics. The former professional baseball player turned executive forever disrupted the game and the world of sports. Known for his innovative approach to team management, Beane's story has captivated fans and industry insiders alike. From his unconventional strategies and use of data analytics to predict future performance to his remarkable rise to prominence, Beane's story serves as a



testament to the power disruptive technology and redefining the status quo.

Currently a senior advisor to the Oakland A's, Beane molded the team into consistent winners since taking over as general manager following the 1997 season. Eventually rising to the role of executive vice president of Baseball Operations, Beane shattered traditional beliefs that high payrolls equated wins by implementing an innovative data-driven methodology that led the Oakland A's, with one of the lowest payrolls, to 7 AL Western Division titles, 10 playoff appearances and the historic 20 game winning streak. That strategic

methodology is now known as the "Moneyball" philosophy, named for the best-selling book and Oscar-nominated film chronicling Beane's journey from general manager to hero to celebrated management genius.

"At a time when businesses are seeking a competitive edge, Billy Beane's insights on the use of data and analytics will offer our businesses and community a unique opportunity," says Tom Palisin, executive director of the Manufacturers' Association. "By striking parallels between baseball and business, he will inspire our employers with his unforgettable underdog story. His presentation is sure to be a home run with our audience!"

When Beane first introduced his data-driven approach, he faced significant resistance and skepticism from traditionalists within the baseball community. However, the success of the Oakland Athletics in the early 2000's silenced many of his critics and proved the effectiveness of the "Moneyball" philosophy. His dedication to building a successful small-market team and his commitment to his innovative approach have made him a beloved and respected figure in the world of baseball.

The success of the "Moneyball" philosophy inspired a film adaptation of the same name, starring Brad Pitt as Beane. The movie delves into the challenges and triumphs of Beane's unconventional methods and received widespread acclaim for its portrayal of his journey.

His groundbreaking approach to player evaluation and team management forever changed the sports industry. Beane's legacy serves as a reminder that innovation and leveraging new ideas – like data science and analytics for decision making - can yield dramatic success even in the most traditional and established industries. Beane is a four-time MLB "Executive of the Year" award winner and was named by Forbes as one of the "100 Greatest Living Business Minds."

The Manufacturers' Association's Annual Event, hosted this year at York College's Waldner Performing Arts Center on May 20th, will bring together nearly 600 business and community leaders across central Pennsylvania. The Event will also award our outstanding manufacturers, member companies and individuals for their accomplishments and community contributions during the previous year. Association members interested in submitting for one of the awards should visit the Association website Annual Meeting page for applications and information.

For information regarding available corporate sponsorships for the 119th Annual Event, visit mascpa.org/annualevent, call the Association at 717-843-3891 or email at office@mascpa.org. Seating is limited. Individual keynote tickets that include the General Reception for the event will be \$100 per guest, with a discounted rate of \$85 for U.S. service veterans and active military.





Celebrating 75 years of service in Mechanicsburg in 2024, our group has raised and distributed funds to help various charities, both locally and worldwide. Charitable donations and support have been provided to: Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania, New Hope Ministries, Meals-on-Wheels, Pink Hands of Hope, Mission Central, Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids for needy adults & children, Silver Spring Township Veterans Memorial, Little League Baseball, Girls Softball, PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), "Give From the Heart" at area Elementary Schools, J.T. Simpson Public Library, Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Mechanicsburg Senior Center, PA Beacon Lodge for Blind & handicapped campers, Youth Basketball & Bocce ball, Cumberland Co. Seeing Eye Puppies, Mechanicsburg Museum Assoc., Business awards for local High School Students, multiple Eagle Scout Projects, Dog TAGS for Vets, Ironstone Ridge Nature Center, Cumberland Valley Mini-thon for Children's Cancer, District Governor's Projects, Lions Club International, Vision Screening equipment that has helped our club complete vision screenings for over 14,000 kids.

#### **CLICK HERE FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

*Chamber Chatter* is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

\*\*Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.\*\*

# FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program! Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.

#### You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- <u>Original</u> Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one).
- · Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health insurance from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-A.

#### Also bring the following information if it is available:

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only access prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

#### TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES

To schedule an appointment, dial 211 on your phone or call 855.567.5341.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bosler Memorial Library 占

158 W. High St., Carlisle Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: noon - 4 p.m.

Employment Skills Center 29 S. Hanover St., Carlisle *No appointment needed.* Tuesdays, Thursdays: 5:30-7 p.m.

#### First Christian Church of Lemoyne 占

442 Hummel Ave., Lemoyne Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Thursdays: 6-8 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon (Second & fourth Saturdays each month.)

First United Church of Christ 占

30 N. Pitt St., Carlisle Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays: 3:30-7 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (2/22 only.)

#### Messiah University 占

Frey Hall, Rm.150 One University Ave., Mechanicsburg 717.796.1800, ext. 7300 No appointment needed. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Open 2/24 thru 4/14. Closed 3/10.)

New Hope Ministries, Inc. 去

5228 Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg No appointment needed. Mondays, Wednesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Penn State Dickinson Law 占

150 S. College St., Rm. 104, Carlisle No appointment needed. Thursdays: 4-8 p.m. (*Closed 3/13.*)

Shippensburg University & 68 W. King St., Shippensburg No appointment needed. Wednesdays: 5-9 p.m. (Closed 3/12.)

Tri County Community Action 123 N. Enola Dr., 2nd Floor, Enola Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **DAUPHIN COUNTY**

#### Belco Community Credit Union 449 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg

Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Wednesdays: 5:30-8 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church 5. 20 S. Second St., Harrisburg *No appointment needed.* Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Middletown Public Library 5.
20 North Catherine St., Middletown Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays, Thursdays: 5-8 p.m.

Tri County Community Action 20 Clearfield St., Elizabethville Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - noon Tri County Community Action 🛓

1514 Derry St., Harrisburg Tuesdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (*No appointment needed.*) Thursdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (*Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.*)

Widener Law Commonwealth & Central PA Law Clinic 5. 3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

#### PERRY COUNTY

Perry County Literacy Council 133 South 5th St., Newport Appointment only. Call 717.567.7323 to schedule. Mondays: 5-8 p.m. with other evenings and some Saturdays.

Tri County Community Action 8407 Spring Rd., New Bloomfield Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

> For more information, contact United Way of the Capital Region at 717.724.4077, or e-mail <u>miyp@uwcr.org</u>.

Do not call sites directly unless a number is listed.

\*All walk-in sites may reach capacity early on high volume days.



## LET TRAINED VOLUNTEERS PREPARE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through Money in Your Pocket (MIYP)! MIYP is part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

- The amount of money you get back depends on many factors and may not be the same as last year.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.

#### **TOUCH-FREE TAXES** FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes.

You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting February 3, 2025 by visiting:

#### www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa

For more information, e-mail miyp@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4077.

Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.

#### FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Children	Single Income	Married (filing jointly)
No children	\$18,591	\$25,511
1 child	\$49,084	\$56,004
2 children	\$55,768	\$62,688
3 or more children	\$59,899	\$66,819

All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail miyp@uwcr.org.

#### MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Belco Community Credit Union
- Bosler Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- · Citizens Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Refund
   New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- · Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne
   Perry County Literacy Council
- First United Church of Christ
- Market Square Presbyterian Church

- Messiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Midwest Food Bank
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- PNC
- Shippensburg University

- · Tri County Community Action
- Truist Bank
- · United Way of Carlisle and
- **Cumberland County**
- · United Way of the Capital Region
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
- · Widener University Commonwealth Law School

The Money in Your Pocket program is a community collaboration to promote the Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax assistance and financial literacy within the Capital Region. Money in Your Pocket does not tolerate discrimination by its volunteers against anyone because of age, color, disability, race, reprisal, national origin, English proficiency, religion, sex, sexual orientation or status as a parent.

For more information, call 717.724.4077 or visit <u>www.uwcr.org/miyp</u> or <u>www.irs.gov</u>.

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