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The CASH Program is Open for the 2022 Tax Season

Rochester, NY- On January 24th, CASH will open for in-person and virtual tax preparation services. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, CASH will be accommodating clients by appointment only. Visit the website at <https://empirejustice.org/cash/> for more information on available services.

“We look forward to continuing to serve the community through our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program,” said CASH Director, Yversha Roman. “During a global pandemic, we helped our clients claim over 3-million dollars in tax credits while connecting them to various community resources. As we launch our tax preparation season, I would like to thank our community partners, volunteers, and staff for all the work that has been done thus far to make our site safe and accessible.”

Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope (CASH), a community coalition led by Empire Justice Center, has been a long-standing staple in the Rochester community. CASH offers free high-quality tax return preparation services that make tax filing easy to do and understand. These services ensure that people in our community collect all credits for which they are eligible. Monroe County Residents with children who make less than \$58,000 are eligible for free tax preparation and may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. CASH provides year-round tax advice and preparation and uses the “tax return moment” as an opportunity to connect clients with a wide variety of resources that can improve families’ financial wellbeing including, savings programs, health care, financial literacy, public benefits, and job counseling services.

“At CASH we know the impact that our tax preparation services have on our families, not just in the tax season but throughout the year,” said Ellen Oberton, VITA Program Manager. “Although the pandemic has changed how we reach our clients we are excited to offer the option to use our online services or to make in-person appointments to keep everyone safe.”

To schedule an appointment call 585-900-1004 or visit <https://cashtaxprep2021.as.me/TaxPrep>. For more information on this year’s Tax Season visit the website <https://empirejustice.org/cash/tax-prep/>.

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