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Dear friend,

United Way of Northern New Jersey and its partners are proud to announce that our long-standing FREE tax preparation program has been reimagined for the 2020-21 tax season. Through a secure, virtual platform we can continue to provide this vital service throughout the pandemic and ensure the safety and health of all involved.

Beginning February 1, 2021, individuals and families with low- to moderate-income can access a secure, easy-to-use online portal at: <https://uwnnj.org/freetaxprep> to have their state and federal tax returns prepared and filed electronically. This online system includes secure document uploads, encrypted email communication, and video conferencing.

While this online platform is new, clients can continue to expect a high-quality experience with IRS-certified tax preparers, a double review process, and completed returns within seven to 10 days of full document uploads. Assistance and forms will be available in both English and Spanish.

For more than a decade, United Way has partnered with Norwescap, Greater Providence Missionary Baptist Church, the IRS, and a corps of IRS-certified tax volunteers to prepare and file tax returns for more than 6,000 families annually. We ensure all appropriate deductions and credits are claimed to maximize refunds that can help families pay down bills or establish savings for a future emergency. We have an outstanding 98 percent return acceptance rate with the IRS.

In addition, we can assist households in filing for COVID-19 federal recovery stimulus payments that they were due, but have not yet received.

Please help us in spreading the word about this invaluable, free service to your clients, employees, and other individuals and families you believe can benefit from our assistance. Attached is a flier that we hope can help in spreading awareness about this free service.

Finally, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email UnitedWayTaxPrep@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973.993.1160, x521.

Thank you,

Robin Ennis
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PS. For those who prefer to prepare and file tax returns on their own, United Way can provide a free, online alternative that has no income limits and accommodates self-employed workers who file a Schedule C form. Our tax preparers will be available to help walk self-filers through this software. For more information, email UnitedWayTaxPrep@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973.993.1160, x521.

Communities we serve are Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties as well as portions of suburban Essex County, including the Caldwelles, Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Millburn-Short Hills, Montclair, Roseland, and Verona.