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Goodwill Central Coast Provides Free Tax Filing for Workers and Community

Goodwill partners with United Way to help working families get the most from their taxes

(SANTA CRUZ, CA)— [Goodwill Central Coast](#) is working with [United Way](#) to provide free tax filing services to their employees and the communities they serve, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. The free filing service will enable working families to take advantage of the new [California Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (Cal EITC) and put money back in their pockets.

The Cal EITC is a new refundable tax credit that will give of California’s working families and individuals the chance to get more money back after filing taxes. If you owe taxes, the Cal EITC can reduce the amount of taxes you might owe and may allow you a refund when you file taxes. If you do not owe taxes, the Cal EITC tax credit may provide you with a tax refund.

Goodwill Cental Coast and United Way will walk families through the tax filing process to ensure that they are filing properly and getting the correct tax reductions and refunds. Workers who earned less than \$52,427 may qualify for the Cal EITC and those who earned less than \$62,000 are eligible to receive free tax services from [MyFreeTaxes.com](#).

“This is a tax benefit for working people and their families, allowing more dollars to flow into our community. It’s money workers can use for groceries, rent, utilities and other bills,” Edward Durkee, President & CEO of Goodwill Central Coast, said. “We want people who may qualify for EITC to have all the information they need to get it right.”

Preparation assistance is available in the [Goodwill Central Coast Career Centers](#) located in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. For more information on qualification requirements, Cal EITC or to make an appointment for free tax preparation, call 2-1-1 and a representative will help you find your closest volunteer location.

For more information on Goodwill Central Coast, visit [ccgoodwill.org](#).

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About Goodwill Central Coast

Goodwill Central Coast is a private, nonprofit organization serving Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties since 1928. Goodwill Central Coast believes all people, regardless of situation, should have access to meaningful employment. Through workforce development programs, Goodwill helps individuals develop the skills they need for today’s job market.

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