

Free Tax Preparation by Certified Volunteers: CASH Oregon

Did you know there are reliable, FREE, locations where you can file your taxes in Portland? CASH Oregon partners every year with AARP to provide high quality, free, tax preparation services to people in the Portland metro area. The main tax prep site is at Lloyd Center Mall and services begin in late January.

January 25th - April 15th

First come, first serve

Space is limited

Lloyd Center Mall (3rd floor)

2027 Lloyd Center

Portland, OR 97232



Sat – Wed: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Thurs: 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Fri: Closed

Items to bring:

1. Social Security Card/ITIN Notice (for everyone)
2. Valid Photo IDs
3. All W-2s, 1099's or other income information
4. Health Insurance Information (Forms 1095-A, 1095-B or 1095-C)
5. Last year's tax return
6. Routing and account numbers for your bank account
7. Other common tax information
 - Child care expenses
 - Mortgage and property tax statement
 - Education expenses (1098-T, 1098-E or receipts of expenses)
 - Alimony
 - Medical expenses
 - Charitable donations
 - Retirement plan contributions
 - ANY notice that says "Important Tax Document"

CASH Oregon can also help you file previous years' returns and amended returns. Call for more information (503-243-7765) or visit their website at www.cashoregon.org to find out more and to locate additional free tax preparation locations.

Welcome the newest team members of the Habitat Homeownership Team!



Tifani Tucker

Tifani joined the Homeownership Department in October 2019 as the Homeownership Program Specialist. She comes to us after 2 years of hardcore data management from POIC/Rosemary Anderson High School. She is excited to assist the current and future homeowners through their homeownership journey.



Alysia Yamasaki

Alysia joined our program in November and will be our new Homeownership Program Coordinator. She brings with her ten years of direct social service working with families at Head Start. She is excited to continue to work with families in a new capacity and help Habitat's homebuyers be successful in purchasing their first home!



The 2020 Census - What it is and why it matters

The US Census Bureau's 2020 Census will provide important information about the demographics of local communities. This information determines how Federal money is spent and assigns priority to different areas of local infrastructure. Every person counted in our community impacts local funding and representation. The census has historically underrepresented communities of color, low-income households, young children and immigrant households. Underrepresentation deprives communities of equal political representation, as well as private and public resources.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. By this date, all households will receive an invitation to participate in the Census. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Your answers are used to produce statistics – they cannot be used against you in any way.

Questions will include statistics about ownership and renting. This helps allocate and fund homeownership assistance programs. Governments use these statistics to understand changes in local housing markets and monitor affordability.

The Census also asks respondents about their age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and their relationship to others in the household. This information helps monitor well-being, discrimination, and economic hardship when analyzed in conjunction with other data. Federal agencies use this information to provide programs and funding services to groups such as single parents, low-income families, older people living alone, etc.

Make sure you respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future for our community!

Sources: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey Questions and Why We Ask www.census.gov, Census 2020: What Nonprofits Need to Know www.nonprofitvote.org



Paid Student Internship with Habitat for Humanity

Through the Student Leaders program, Bank of America connects student leaders to resources to help make communities better.

Student Leaders:

- High school juniors or seniors
- Work as a paid intern at a local non-profit for eight weeks
- Attend the week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, DC
- Develop leadership and career skills
- Connect with like-minded students from their community and across the country



Through a partnership with Bank of America, during the months of June and July, interns identified through the Student Leader program will help on Habitat job sites and in the office and gain practical work skills to put into practice in their future. If you or someone you know is interested, visit <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/student-leaders.html> or call 1-800-218-9946 to learn more.

Deadline to apply: January 31st

Who to Contact *Need to know who to call for classes, payments, warranty or general info?*



Class questions?

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General questions?

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Building Connections

Winter 2019

Our newsletter is preparing to go electronic! Make sure we have your email address. Call us to update your contact information.

Next Homeownership Classes

February 8th

9:30-11:30am **Five Essentials of Good Mental and Physical Health**
12:00-2:00pm **HOA Basics**

March 14th

9:30-11:30am **Budgeting for Home Maintenance Expenses**
12:00-2:30pm **Strategies for Prioritizing and Completing Tasks**

April 11th

9:30-11:30am **Setting Boundaries Using Compassionate Communication**
12:00-2:00pm **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design**

For full descriptions of upcoming classes, visit Habitat's Facebook page or watch for Habitat's Education Program postcard and emails. Class information also listed at <http://habitatportlandmetro.eventbrite.com/>

No childcare provided, all attendees must be 15 or older. Please contact us if you need interpretation services at least 10 days before the scheduled class. All classes located at 1478 NE Killingsworth St Portland, OR 97211. RSVP required. Call 503-287-9529 x36 or email homeownership@habitatportlandmetro.org



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