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Free Tax Preparation Available

Tax season has arrived. Parents either love it or hate it, but it can't be escaped.

The good news, though, is that help is available to those who might need it most. ♦ Low to moderate income families in Detroit can turn to **ACORN Tax Preparation Center** for free tax filing assistance. ♦ ACORN's center can electronically file current year taxes and provide fast, direct-deposited refunds, usually in 7 to 10 working days.

ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities. ♦ Since 1970, ACORN has grown to more than 220,000 member families organized in 850 neighborhood chapters in more than 100 cities across the United States and around the world.



ACORN wants to make sure families are claiming their **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, a refundable tax credit for working people who earn low to moderate income. ♦ Depending on that income and the number of children living in your home, your family could receive a credit of up to \$4,536. ♦ Would you believe between 15% to 25% of all EITC eligible families do not claim their credits? ♦ This leaves more than \$12 billion in unclaimed credits every year. ♦ That's money your family has earned!

The location of the local tax center is: **Grace Church of the Nazarene** located at 18020 Hoover in Detroit.

♦ Visits are by appointment only. ♦ You need to bring with you: Picture I.D., Social Security card, dates of birth for all family members, W-2's, any unemployment and bank interest forms, information about childcare expenses, as well as a voided check or deposit slip for a direct deposit refund. ♦ If taxes are being filed with a spouse, please bring the spouse.

ACORN is here to help. ♦ Tell your parents or guardians about this free opportunity.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call the ACORN Tax Preparation Center at 313.963.1840, ext. 3.

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