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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers to assist taxpayers in southwestern Cuyahoga County. Volunteers do not have to be retired or a member of AARP. We are planning to return to our established sites in Parma (2 sites), Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, North Royalton, Broadview Heights, and Brecksville. Depending on the status of the pandemic, we may or may not operate all our sites this coming year.

All of our sites are electronic filing sites. Volunteers are expected to work at a site for at least 5 hours per week on weekdays during the tax season, which runs from the first week in February through the 15th of April. Our methods of operation will depend on the status of the pandemic. Each volunteer must have an email address and computer experience is preferred for tax return preparers. Volunteers do not need previous income tax experience. We provide a free two-week virtual course for tax return preparers during January. We are also looking for greeters and provide them with a free one-day virtual course.

Tax-Aide is a very rewarding IRS-supported program offered by the AARP Foundation providing free assistance to taxpayers with special attention given to senior citizens with low to moderate incomes. It is a great way for volunteers to become involved in their communities and learn about the preparation of the 1040 tax form. Our recruitment of volunteers is on a non-discriminatory basis without consideration of race, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.

For more information please call Tax-Aide District Coordinator Steve Donovan at 440-237-7348, call AARP's toll-free number at 888-687-2277, or visit Tax-Aide's web site at https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide