

Tax-Aide volunteers

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is looking for volunteers each week between Feb. 1 and April 15. The organization is gearing up for the upcoming tax season and needs volunteers to assist in the preparation of federal and state tax returns. The AARP Tax-Aide Program is free for seniors and others of low and moderate income. Volunteers are trained during December and January in basic federal and state income tax preparation with emphasis on tax provisions affecting the elderly and others of low and moderate income. Volunteers are then asked to commit a minimum of four hours a week until the April 15 filing deadline.

For more than 40 years, the AARP Foundation has worked in cooperation with the IRS to carry out this successful program. Last year, Bergen County's United Way joined the partnership – providing laptop computers for use by the volunteers who work in various sites including libraries, senior centers and Borough Halls throughout the county. In 2009, 57,000 returns were prepared by over 900 Tax-Aide volunteers throughout New Jersey.

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run counseling and preparation services. For more information, contact Robert Mulligan at 201-447-8837 or e-mail at mulliganbirdie@aol.com.

