



**United Way
of the Southern Tier**

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Appointments available for United Way's free tax assistance program

2-1-1 Helpline has begun scheduling appointments for CA\$H (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope), a free tax assistance program for working families that make generally \$49,000 or less annually.

CA\$H volunteers are fully trained and certified by the IRS to complete both federal and state returns. Volunteer preparers can also help families find tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, that they may miss when filing their own taxes. Clients can utilize free e-filing, which allows most to receive their refund more quickly than when filing a paper return.

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Tax preparation sites are located throughout Chemung and Steuben counties, and in Schuyler County. Appointments are available week days, week nights and some Saturdays, depending on location.

When you receive all of your W-2s, call 2-1-1 Helpline for an appointment by dialing 2-1-1 or (800) 346-2211 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 2-1-1 Helpline's referral specialists will help you find the appointment time and location that is most convenient for you, and tell you what to bring to your appointment.

For more information about the CASH program and other United Way initiatives, visit www.uwst.org.

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United Way of the Southern Tier (www.uwst.org) is a locally managed non-profit organization focused on effectively mobilizing the caring power of our community to help people improve their lives. United Way of the Southern Tier is the largest non-governmental provider of funding for health and human services in Chemung and Steuben Counties.

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