

Free Tax Assistance at the Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will once again be available at Grace Senior Center for Anson County residents age 60 and older, those with disabilities, or individuals of low- or moderate-income who need help preparing their income tax returns. The program is sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center and is designed to ease tax-time headaches.

Volunteer counselors, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (yes, they speak fluent "tax"), will be available at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 4, and Wednesday, April 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free assistance will be provided for Forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040, and the North Carolina return.

Participants are asked to bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (W-2 forms), interest statements from banks (1099-INT forms), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant income or expense information. In other words, bring the paperwork - and let the volunteers handle the math.

All individuals with appointments must pick up a tax package at Grace Senior Center prior to their scheduled time and bring the completed package with them to the appointment. Electronic filing of returns will be available, meaning no stamps, no envelopes, and no wondering if your return fell behind the refrigerator.

Appointments are required. To schedule a time or to learn more about this free and helpful service, call Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616. Your taxes may still be complicated, but at least they don't have to be lonely.

Thank you



We the family of Mother Eva Gilbert acknowledge with deepest appreciation all the gestures of loving friendship and acts of personal deeds during the passing of our loved one. We thank all who came from far and near. During this difficult time, your acts of God's love expressed through food, cards, flowers, phone calls, visitations, prayers, or whatever you did to console our hearts will never be forgotten.

SPCC Student Government Association Takes Action On Period Poverty

It's not a frequently used term, but period poverty - the lack of access to menstrual products due to financial barriers - can have a very real impact on students' lives. Recognizing that need, South Piedmont Community College's Student Government Association (SGA) has taken steps to ensure pads and tampons are readily available at no cost on campus.

Last year, the SGA surveyed the college's student body and found that many female students were experiencing period poverty. The survey also revealed that limited access to affordable menstrual products was affecting students' ability to attend class, concentrate on coursework, and fully participate in campus life.

In response, the SGA installed menstrual product dispensers at the college's Old Charlotte Highway and L.L. Polk campuses, as well as at the Tyson Family Center for Technology. The dispensers provide tampons and pads free of charge to students. For many students, the initiative has already made a meaningful difference. Student and SGA member Makenna Tyson said the availability of free menstrual products has helped her feel supported on campus.

"I feel supported by my school because they actually care about my personal feminine hygiene and the welfare of their students," Tyson said.

By providing these resources, the SGA hopes to create a more inclusive and supportive campus environment where students can focus on their education without worrying about basic necessities. The effort reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to advocating for student needs and promoting equity across the college community.

"Period.org reports that one in four students in the United States have struggled to afford menstrual products," said SGA President Nyla White. "It is critical that academic institutions, including South Piedmont, take the time to recognize and meet the need so students are never forced to choose between their education and their dignity."

White also expressed appreciation for the leadership of the previous SGA members who made the dispensers a priority, adding that she is optimistic students, faculty, and staff will take advantage of the new resource.



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