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PATHWAYS PA LAUNCHES FREE TAX PREPARATION AT SUBURBAN STATION IN HONOR OF NATIONAL EITC AWARENESS DAY

First year of innovative model that IRS is hailing as a "best practice" for other cities "Commuter VITA" program will provide IRS-Certified tax preparers from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Mon. through Fri., throughout the tax season

WHO:

- Carol Goertzel: President and CEO of PathWays PA
- Councilman William Greenlee: Philadelphia City Council

WHAT:

- Launch of "Commuter VITA" program in honor of National EITC Awareness Day

WHEN:

- Friday, January 25, 2013 at 2:15 PM

WHERE:

- Suburban Station, at the entrance of Regional Rail Tracks 1 & 2, across from the SEPTA Information Desk

PHILADELPHIA – On January 25th, PathWays PA will launch its newest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at Philadelphia's Suburban Station. Commuters and others who live, work, shop, or dine near Suburban Station can access convenient, free tax preparation throughout the tax season.

The kickoff event for this site will coincide with National EITC Awareness Day, a nationwide effort to raise awareness of and access to the Earned Income Tax Credit, one of the largest and most effective anti-poverty tools in the United States. **Millions of workers** each year overlook the federal tax credit simply because their earnings do not require them to file or they are unaware of the credit. VITA sites like those offered by PathWays PA play a key role in ensuring that working families find and keep all of the money they have earned throughout the year.

At Suburban Station, PathWays PA will offer options for tax preparation by either "Drop Off" service or by scheduled appointment. PathWays PA's tax site is located at the entrance of Regional Rail Tracks 1 & 2, across from the SEPTA Information Desk. The site will be open Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 6 pm. All of PathWays PA's tax preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Tax preparation and filing are free for filers whose household income is below \$51,000.

For more information, please call 800-209-2914, or visit pathwayspaVITA.com.

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PathWays PA was founded in 1978 as the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives. It served as one of Pennsylvania's first residential programs to keep low-income, vulnerable women together with their children and has grown to become one of the Greater Philadelphia Region's foremost providers of residential and community-based services for women, children and families. Each year over 6,000 women, children and families benefit from our full complement of social services; job training and employment assistance; as well as outreach and residential programs as they move along the path to self-sufficiency.