



**CCAA SPONSORS FREE, CERTIFIED INCOME  
TAX PREPARATION & FAST ELECTRONIC FILING  
FOR QUALIFYING HOUSEHOLDS**

CCAA and SaveFirst, an initiative of Impact Alabama, are partnering to provide opportunities for free, IRS-certified income tax preparation to employees of local Chamber member organizations in 17 cities across Alabama. The most effective way to share this opportunity is for businesses with employees who qualify to distribute informational cards with tax site locations and the appointment hotline, which SaveFirst provides for free in both hard copy and electronic formats, to their employees in January. Households earning less than \$52,000 per year with one or more children or \$20,000 per year without children will qualify. Below you can find a brief explanation of the initiative, recent SaveFirst achievements, and a list of site locations.

**Please contact Linn Groft, SaveFirst Director, to request SaveFirst informational cards for your employees or for any other questions or requests.**

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**Beginning in mid-January, SaveFirst will provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for households earning less than \$52,000 per year with one or more children or \$20,000 per year without children in the following cities:**

- Anniston/ Jacksonville
- Auburn/ Opelika
- Bessemer
- Birmingham (4 locations)
- Decatur
- Dothan
- Florence
- Gadsden
- Greenville
- Huntsville
- Mobile
- Montgomery
- Selma
- Tuscaloosa/ Holt

**SaveFirst Mission:** SaveFirst is an IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) initiative that offers free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings to working families who earn up to \$52,000 (the IRS threshold to qualify for free volunteer tax assistance) — especially targeting those eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit refund. Every return is prepared by an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer and quality reviewed by an Advanced-trained staff member. All services are provided entirely free. SaveFirst is an initiative of Impact Alabama, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**Recent Achievements:** During the eighth year alone (2014), more than 570 trained volunteers prepared more than 8,200 tax returns, saving working families across the state \$2.5 million in tax preparation fees and helping these families to claim more than \$14.9 million in refunds. Through partnership with businesses, K-12 school systems, and colleges and universities, SaveFirst has grown into the largest and most successful volunteer tax preparation initiative in Alabama – serving 31% more families in 2014 than in the previous tax season.