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Tri Counties Bank Helps Low-Income Kern and Madera County Taxpayers Receive Over \$110,000 in Tax Refunds

BAKERSFIELD, CA – JULY 1, 2025 — Tri Counties Bank, in partnership with the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) and United Way Fresno and Madera Counties (United Way), announced that the 2025 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program led to \$110,898 in tax refunds to low-income families in Kern and Madera counties.

Between February and April 2025, Tri Counties Bank hosted VITA volunteers at its Delano and Chowchilla branches, where 74 families scheduled appointments with CAPK (Delano) and United Way (Chowchilla) representatives for one-on-one tax filing assistance. These sessions included guidance for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) holders, with assistance available in English and Spanish.

The VITA program, established by the IRS in 1969, offers free basic tax preparation assistance for:

- People earning \$67,000 or less;
- Individuals with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

“Financial accessibility is at the heart of what we do at Tri Counties Bank,” said Danna Prater, Vice President and Director of Community Development at Tri Counties Bank. “By hosting VITA sites at our branches, we help ensure that working families receive their maximum refunds and gain the financial confidence to plan for the future.”

This marks the second consecutive year that Tri Counties Bank has actively participated in the VITA program. In 2024, Tri Counties Bank hosted VITA sites in Bakersfield and Delano, helping secure a total of \$191,283 in refunds for 73 families—a testament to its ongoing commitment to financial empowerment.

As one of only two banks in California to host IRS-designated VITA sites, Tri Counties Bank played a pivotal role in expanding financial access by providing sites for free tax assistance – from CAPK and United Way – directly within its branches, ensuring that eligible families received the refunds they deserved without the burden of costly tax preparation fees.

For more information about the IRS’s VITA program, visit <https://www.irs.gov/vita>.

About Tri Counties Bank

Established in 1975, Tri Counties Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TriCo Bancshares (NASDAQ: TCBK), headquartered in Chico, California with corporate offices in Roseville, South San Francisco, and Bakersfield, with assets of nearly \$10 billion and 50 years of financial stability. Tri Counties Bank is dedicated to providing exceptional service for individuals and businesses throughout California with more than 75 locations, advanced mobile and online banking, and access to approximately 40,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide. As California's Local Bank, Tri Counties Bank prioritizes serving clients with local bankers and local decision-making, backed by corporate philanthropy, community engagement, employee volunteerism and investments. Recognized by various publications as among the Top Workplaces and Best Banks, Tri Counties Bank recruits and retains diverse and talented team members. Visit TriCountiesBank.com to learn more. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. NMLS #458732.

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