

THE SOURCE

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What is The SOURCE?

The SOURCE is a not-for-profit employee support organization designed to help employees keep their jobs, receive training to enhance their employment, and help employees move into better positions within or across companies. The SOURCE works with employees from:

- American Autocoat
- American Seating Co.
- Butterball Farms, Inc.
- Cascade Engineering
- Cascade Fresh Cleaning Co.
- Covenant Village of the Great Lakes
- Decc Co.
- Grand Rapids Foam Technologies
- Pridgeon & Clay
- Proos Manufacturing and Proos Fabrication
- Richwood Industries
- Spectrum Health, Environmental Services and Nutrition Services
- Spectrum Industries
- Vi-Chem Corp.
- WMCAT
- Wolverine Coil Spring

Please call us at 616.452.5295 for more information or feel free to stop by the office at any time. Our office is open 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments to best meet your needs.

FREE Tax Preparation

Tax season is right around the corner! Starting Monday, January 9th The SOURCE will begin scheduling appointments for free tax preparations.

Appointments will be offered on Mondays 6-9pm, Fridays 9am-5pm and Saturdays 9am to noon starting Monday, January 30, 2017.

To qualify for free tax preparation at The SOURCE, you must meet the following income guidelines:

- Single individuals and families with no children that earn less than \$34,000
- Families with one or more children that earn less than \$54,000



The SOURCE **does not** accept walk-ins for tax appointments. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment and to review what you will need to bring with you to make your appointment successful.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call The SOURCE at 616.452.5295.

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Mitten Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Mitten Tree. A special thank you to the employees and the clients at Panopoulos Salons in Cascade for collecting warm clothing item donations for employees of our member companies. We are so thankful for Panopoulos Salons collecting over 40 items and their willingness to donate to individuals and families in need. Thank you!



FREE Community Events

New Development Corporation's Community Open House

Where: St. Alphonsus Parish, 228 Carrier St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

When: Tuesday, January 10 at 4:30-7pm

What: St. Alphonsus Supper House partners with New Development Corporation to offer a community open house offering control and hope for your financial future. Join us for dinner, dessert, financial education workshops, prizes, giveaways and a chance to meet your neighborhood financial resources! Workshops include: Basic Budgeting, Banking, Identity Theft, Financial Recovery, Preparing for an Emergency and Credit Health

Evening Explorers

Where: Main Library, 111 Library St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

When: Thursday, January 12, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm

What: Learn to tie a variety of knots and how you can use them.

What To Do With Your Tax Refund

Tax season could mean something positive for some, while others avoid it. There are ways to use these returns wisely and avoid financial stress in the future.

1. Create an Emergency Fund - Misfortunes happen all the time. Anyone at any moment could lose a job, or have unexpected health, home or car issues, Take advantage of the refund by making it the first deposit in an emergency account.
2. Pay off High Interest Debt - Credit cards with high interest rates can be emotionally and financially drowning, leaving payers with high balance and payments that won't end. Use the tax refund to put a dent in it! Paying off these debts can help improve your credit score and your overall financial stability.
3. Refinance Your Mortgage or Make Home Improvements - When you refinance your mortgage, you must still pay closing costs and fees. Use the refund to pay for the closing costs and you can save thousands of dollars per year on mortgage interest. If you're happy with the mortgage rate, home improvement projects can immediately increase the value of your property while making your home more comfortable.
4. Invest in yourself - Never underestimate the option to invest in your health, education or relationships. Taking an educational course, getting into shape or starting a college fund can be small steps to reap benefits later in life.

At The SOURCE, we are able to provide guidance on what to do with your tax refund, assist in financial management by opening a savings account and many more resources for employees. Call 616.452.5295 for an appointment with a caseworker today!

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The SOURCE's Governing Board of Directors is comprised of leaders from our partner companies.

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