

Community Action Agency Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

Aggregate totals for low-income households

Statistics by Return/Credit Type and County

Date 6/30/2009	# Federal Returns	# of Federal E-Filed	Federal Refunds	# State Returns	# of State E- filed	State Refunds	# of City Returns	City Refunds
Jackson	2942	1855	\$1,031,441	2942	2851	\$222,414	775	\$10,118
Lenawee	888	604	\$314,017	891	862	\$78,432	0	0
Hillsdale	416	261	\$115,679	417	393	\$25,194	0	0
Total	4246	2720	\$1,461,137	4250	4106	\$326,040	775	\$10,118

Date 6/30/2009	Federal EITC Filed	Federal EITC Credits	State EITC Filed	State EITC Credits	# Homestead Credits	Amount of Homestead Credits	# of Home Heating Credits	Amount of Home Heating Credits	# of Child Tax Credits	Amount of Child Tax Credits
Jackson	770	\$907,540	770	\$91,159	1558	\$706,218	1409	\$208,512	212	\$23,5584
Lenawee	264	\$287,493	266	\$29,365	530	\$233,669	382	\$57,627	73	\$81,378
Hillsdale	104	\$115,111	104	\$11,511	211	\$82,891	196	\$35,609	28	\$31,160
Total	1138	\$1,310,144	1140	\$132,035	2299	\$1,022,778	1987	\$301,748	313	\$3,48,122

Grand Totals of People Served and Dollars Generated

County	# of Households Served	# of Individuals Served	Total \$ per County
Jackson	2951	4553	\$3,412,986
Lenawee	894	1425	\$1,081,981
Hillsdale	418	664	\$417,155
Total	4263	6642	\$4,912,122

VITA Program Information

- This years, VITA provided tax preparation at 9 sites around the tri-county area: 6 in Jackson County, 2 in Lenawee County and 1 in Hillsdale County.
- 54 total volunteers gave of there time this past year donating over 3200 hours of tax preparation and greeting services.
- A partnership this year with JCC provided 22 student volunteers, 9 in Jackson and 13 in Lenawee. These volunteers were certified to prepare tax returns and received college credit for their participation in the program.
- Addition VITA partnerships include: DHS, Jackson District Library, Boos Senior Center, Jackson County Department on Aging, Jackson Public Housing Commission, 211 and the United Way of Jackson County.
- Funding Sources this past year included: the Untied Way of Jackson County, TANF-E and CSBG-T funds.

Looking to Next Year

- Expand student volunteer partnership with JCC to include Hillsdale County.
- Expand training facility donations with local ISDs to include Jackson and Hillsdale Counties.
- Begin setting tax appointments as early as January 1st instead of mid-January.
- Begin State credit returns as early as January 15 instead of February 2nd.
- Employ a full-time tax program coordinator to lead program management at EITC Coalition development.
- Diversify funding for program by seeking additional funds through federal grants and local county partners.



FREE TAX HELP



Households earning up to \$49,000 a year

FREE help, by trained volunteers, to prepare and file:



Federal, State and Select City Tax Returns



Tax Credit Forms:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Child Tax Credit
- Home Heating Credit
- Homestead Property Tax Credit

To schedule your FREE Tax appointment
contact Community Action Agency at:

Hillsdale	517-437-3346 or 800-750-9300
Lenawee	517-263-7861 or 800-438-1845
Jackson	517-784-4800 or 800-491-0004

In 2008, CAA's Income Tax Program assisted 4,267 households and returned \$4,912,122 to our communities!

What should I bring to my FREE Tax Appointment?

- Social Security Cards for self, spouse and dependents
- State-issued Photo Identification (Driver License/State ID Card)
- All income forms - W-2, 1099, Social Security, DHS, etc.
- Copy of last year's tax return, if available
- Any deduction to be taken
- Total rent and landlord's name and address
- Total heat expenses and/or copy of bill
- Bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit

Who do we help?

- Families
- Individuals
- Seniors
- Veterans
- College Students
- Households earning up to \$49,000 a year

****Interested in becoming a VITA volunteer****

Please contact your local Community Action Agency office for information