

# 2015 Kenosha County VITA Coalition Program Results

The Kenosha County VITA Coalition, a partnership between Carthage College, the Kenosha County Job Center, Gateway Technical College, the IRS and the United Way of Kenosha County has completed its seventh filing season! Volunteers (83) from throughout our community assisted 1,204 tax payers with 2,495 federal and state returns, logging an impressive 2,247 hours of tax preparation time. Because of their commitment, approximately \$1,558,882 in refunds were received back into our community and saved our clients an estimated \$407,636 in tax processing fees! Another 314 taxpayers were able to prepare and file their own tax returns free of charge receiving more than \$421,456 back in refunds bringing the program total to \$1,980,338!

## Program Goals

The goals of the VITA program are two-fold.

1. To provide our clients with courteous and professional tax preparation assistance. Taxpayers are assisted with receiving tax credits that may add more than a month's worth of salary to the individual or family's annual income.
2. To provide financial literacy education which goes hand in hand with the "money moment" that tax season offers many Kenosha residents. Wealth building and debt-reduction outreach programs can help give people a stake in their future and in their community.

## 2015 VITA Locations

- ◆ Kenosha County Job Center assisted 1,076 clients
- ◆ Salem Community Library assisted 82 clients
- ◆ Twin Lakes Library assisted 28 clients
- ◆ ELCA Urban Outreach Center assisted 25 clients
- ◆ Self-Facilitated Assistance Website assisted 314 clients

Program Results	2009-2010	2010/2011	2011-2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014-2015
Volunteers Recruited	57	59	72	81	89	83
Hours Volunteered	n/a	n/a	1,650	1,823	2,183	2,247
Returns Filed	1,411	1,488	1,633	1,862	2,388	2,781
Taxpayers Assisted	n/a	706	814	946	1,301	1,518
Total Refunds Received	\$1,021,537	\$1,256,978	\$1,215,473	\$1,368,040	\$1,745,566	\$1,980,338

**Over \$8.58 million refunded to local residents in the past six years!**

## Program Partners & Sponsors

United Way of Kenosha County  
 Carthage College  
 Kenosha County Job Center  
 Gateway Technical College  
 ELCA Outreach Center  
 Salem Community Library  
 Twin Lakes Library

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