

2016 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 eighth filing season! Volunteers (112) from our community assisted 1,337 tax payers with 2,808 federal and state returns, logging an impressive 2,977 hours of tax preparation time. Because of their commitment, approximately \$1,927,779 in refunds were received back into our community and saved our clients an estimated \$434,443 in tax processing fees! Another 349 taxpayers were able to prepare and file their own tax returns free of charge receiving more than \$465,414 back in refunds bringing the program total to \$2,393,193!

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.

2016 VITA Locations

- ◆ Kenosha County Job Center assisted 1,167 clients
- ◆ Salem Community Library assisted 72 clients
- ◆ Twin Lakes Library assisted 47 clients
- ◆ ELCA Urban Outreach Center assisted 26 clients
- ◆ The Kenosha Public Library assisted 19 clients
- ◆ 349 taxpayers filed their own returns on MyFreeTaxes.com.
- ◆ Westosha High School assisted 6 clients

| Program Results | 2009/2010 | 2010/2011 | 2011/2012 | 2012/2013 | 2013/2014 | 2014/2015 | 2015/2016 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Volunteers Recruited | 57 | 59 | 72 | 81 | 89 | 83 | 112 |
| Hours Volunteered | n/a | n/a | 1,650 | 1,823 | 2,183 | 2,247 | 2,977 |
| Returns Filed | 1,411 | 1,488 | 1,633 | 1,862 | 2,388 | 2,781 | 3,157 |
| Taxpayers Assisted | n/a | 706 | 814 | 946 | 1,301 | 1,525 | 1,686 |
| Total Refunds Received | \$1,021,537 | \$1,256,978 | \$1,215,473 | \$1,368,040 | \$1,745,566 | \$2,139,132 | \$2,393,193 |

Over \$11.139 million refunded to local residents in the past seven 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
 Kenosha Public Library
 Associated Bank

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